**

**COMMISSIONED RULING ELDER (CRE) COVENANT**

| The following covenant between the session of  | ***Church Name*** | Presbyterian Church of |
|  ***Church City***  | and |
| Elder  |  ***Name*** |
| is is for the purpose of defining the terms of the Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) position.  |  |

The Position Description for this position is attached to this covenant.

List key goals for this relationship as approved by the Session and COM:

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| 1.) Provide spiritual leadership through Sunday worship, preaching and administration of Sacraments.2.)Provide pastoral care by visiting the sick and consoling the bereaved. Officiate at funerals, memorials & weddings.3.)Moderate session and congregational meetings which will include assisting the congregation in discerning ECPC’s future4.)5.) *(use more space as needed)* |

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| This covenant is for a period of up to |   | months (not more than 3 years G-2.1001). |
| * This agreement may be ended by the session upon 30 days written notice. The Commissioned Ruling Elder may end the agreement with 30 days written notice and a forfeiture of any payment beyond the 30 day period.
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**Terms to be reviewed annually are:**

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| The CRE is employed on a [ ]  full-time [ ]  part time (50%, 75%, etc.) basis, serving |
| approximately |  ***? hours*** | hours per week. |

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| Salary |  ***$*** | Housing | ***$***  |
| Utilities | ***$*** | Social Security Allowance | ***$*** |
| Professional Expense |  ***$*** | Vacation | **Four Weeks** |
| Continuing Education |  ***$*** | Study Leave | **Two Weeks** |
| Other | ***$*** | Other | ***$*** |
| Full pension, medical, disability and death coverage under the Board of Pensions. |
| Attendance at the [ ] Spring [ ]  Fall presbytery Discovery Retreat. |

**Signatures** (Either digital or written signature is acceptable):

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 **Commissioned Ruling Elder**

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 **Clerk of Session**

**Date of Session Action:**  *Click or tap to enter a date.*

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 **Commission on Ministry Chair**

**Approved by Commission on Ministry:**

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| **Region:** |  |
| **Date:** | ***Click or tap to enter a date.*** |

In accordance with G-2.1001, the Commission on Ministry on behalf of Cascades Presbytery authorizes that the Commissioned Ruling Elder

* + 1. May May Not Moderate the session of the congregation to which he/she is commissioned.
		2. May May Not Administer the Sacrament.
		3. May May Not Officiate at marriages where permitted by state law.
		4. May May Not Have a voice and vote in meetings of presbytery (such vote to be counted as a

 Ruling Elder Commissioner for purposes of parity).