

Monthly Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting
First 6 Months of New Appointment

The topics for the first six monthly meetings of the Staff Parish Relations Committee and New Pastor are outlined here. Prior to each meeting, the committee members and pastor should be informed of the topic so that each person can prepare to discuss the given topic during the meeting. The purpose of these monthly meetings is to nurture and strengthen a positive relationship between the new pastor and the congregation in the beginning phase of the appointment.

Month One: Introduction of Church and Pastor

1. Sharing Personal & Corporate History
2. Spiritual and Worship Life

Month Two: Strengths, Weaknesses, and Calling

1. Sharing strengths, weaknesses, how God has called us

Month Three: Pastoral Care

1. Reviewing pastoral care needs of the church
2. Discussing patterns of visitation
3. Arranging for visitation partners for the pastor if requested

Month Four: Church Finances

1. Reviewing financial matters of the church
2. Expectations for stewardship emphasis

Month Five: Community & Support Systems

1. Getting to know the community
2. Identifying support systems for the pastor in the community and church

Month Six: Vision & Goals: what's next?

1. Forming a collaborative vision
2. Setting ministry goals together