

SAMPLE LETTER OF GOOD STANDING

I, the undersigned, _____, hereby certify that _____ is a pastor in good standing from our congregation at [Church Name] who enjoys all the faculties for the exercise of his pastoral ministry.

After having personally known him for 10 years, reviewing his personal file, checking with those who worked with him in previous assignments and checking with his congregation which includes me, I'm able to certify without qualification that:

1. He is a pastor in good standing.
2. He's never been suspended or disciplined.
3. No criminal charges have ever been brought against him nor does he have a criminal record.
4. He's never behaved in such a way as to indicate that he might deal with minors or adults in an inappropriate manner.
5. He doesn't have a current untreated alcohol or substance abuse problem.
6. He doesn't have a current untreated emotional or mental health problem.
7. He has never been involved in any incident to my knowledge, which called into question his fitness or suitability to fulfill the responsibilities and duties of his pastoral ministry.

I'm able to state without qualification that _____ is of good character and reputation and qualified to perform his pastoral duties. I hereby grant him permission to pursue his pastoral ministry for the time period requested.

Signature: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____