## **INTERIM PASTOR: SPECIFIC SKILLS DESIRED BY CHURCH**

Interim pastors are expected to carry on the traditional work of the parish including worship planning, preaching, pastoral care, weddings and funerals, administrative oversight, and work with boards and committees. In addition, pastors who serve as intentional interim ministers often have specialized training as well as experience serving in specific settings (for example: in a church where the congregation had experienced staff conflicts). Using the following checklist, identify the skills and previous experiences you will look for in your new interim pastor.

Congregational Self-appraisal	Professional Boundary Training
Fiscal Management	Church Revitalization
Small Group Process	Church Closing
Transition Issues	Dynamics of Long-term Pastorate
Conflict Mediation	DoC Polity
Strategic Planning	Multi-Staff Issues
Federated, Union, Yoked/United Parishes	Following Pastoral Misconduct
Experience with Racial/Ethnic Churches Church Size Transitions	Death/Illness of a Previous Pastor
Presence of Previous Pastor – Retired/Member	Connection with the DoC
Worship Changes, Inclusive Language	Organizational Restructuring
Lay Leadership Empowerment	Stewardship Development
Evangelism/Church Growth	Outreach/Mission emphasis
Other (Specify)	