#### Plan for Pastoral Sabbatical

Name Congregation

Requested Dates for Sabbatical: (start end)

Pastoral Coverage: (who and how coverage will be met)

#### Sabbatical Theme

(General reason and result of the sabbatical)

Sample below

# **Spiritual and Physical Rejuvenation**

- 1. Focus on daily prayer and devotional materials.
- 2. Reconnect with my local gym; lose weight gained over the last couple of years.
- 3. Develop better eating and sleeping habits.
- 4. Take time to float in my pool and relax.

## Relationships / Vocation

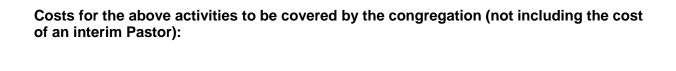
- 1. Spend quality time with my wife and sons. Worship together as a family on Sundays and develop new devotional routines.
- 2. Look for opportunities to spend time with extended family and reconnect with friends out of our area.
- 3. Complete repairs / updates to our home.

# Creativity / Growth

- 1. Spend some time doing some writing I have been putting off, perhaps beginning a web blog.
- 2. Read some books that have been on my shelf for quite a while, both religious and fiction, including "Center Church" by Timothy Keller.
- 3. Improve my ability to speak and write in Spanish.

# **Expanding Horizons**

- 1. Spend time walking alongside other pastors with innovative ministries and worshipping with their congregations.
- 2. Consider some interesting travel off the beaten path, perhaps to visit a foreign mission (depending on our personal finances).
- 3. Consider short term deployment with the Red Cross to a disaster location.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>i</sup> Peterson, Eugene H. "Sabbatical Is Not Study Leave." Leadership Journal, Winter 1988:74-75.