



The Presbytery of
DONEGAL

Vacancy Handbook

5. **Some sessions appoint a Transition Team to support the work of the new teaching elder.**
In many cases, members of the PNC are invited to serve on this transitions team.

SESSION RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PREPARING FOR THE NEW PASTOR

1. The Session gives notice to the Temporary or Interim Pastor as specified in the pastoral contract.
2. The Session arranges for any pastoral coverage between the temporary pastor's departure and the arrival of the new pastor.
3. Works with the new pastor and the Executive Presbyter and Presbytery Moderator to set the date, time and plans for the Installation (and Ordination if appropriate) of the pastor.
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4. The PNC chairperson should inform the session of any agreements the PNC may have made with the pastor-elect, such as starting date, moving details, financial arrangements, time away for prior commitments, travel expenses for house-hunting, or planning for renovation of the manse. Once this information is passed along, the session assumes the responsibility for the ongoing work with the pastor-elect. (from the PC(USA) Handbook)