

## SERVICE OF RELEASE AND FAREWELL

### Greeting

### Remembrance and Recognition

### Giving and Sharing Symbols

### Recognition of the End

LEADER

Do you offer your encouragement for the continued ministry here and on the relationship with another who will come to serve?

AUTHORIZED MINISTER

I do, with the help of God.

### WITNESS OF THE ASSOCIATION/ CONFERENCE

*Church officers may come forward. A representative of the association or conference addresses them, using these or similar words.*

REPRESENTATIVE

On behalf of the Southeast Association of the Indiana Kentucky Conference and the United Church of Christ, I witness to the words spoken: words of thankfulness, forgiveness, and release. The member churches of our association and conference hold each of you in prayer. We pledge our support in the transitions signified in this service.

OFFICERS

Thanks be to God.

### PRAYER

*All who are able may stand.*

LEADER

Let us pray.

LEADER

O God, we give thanks for remembered times when we, together, have shared the life of faith. We thank you for the moments we have shared with *this person/these people* in worship, in learning, in service. We pray that Peter Frye will be aware of your Spirit's guidance as he moves new and unknown places, in the name of Jesus the Savior.

PEOPLE

Amen.

ALL

God, whose everlasting love for all is trustworthy, help each of us to trust the future which rests in your care. The time we were together in your name saw our laughter and tears, our hopes and disappointments. Guide us as we hold these cherished memories but move in new directions, until that time to come when we are completely one with you and with each other, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

### BENEDICTION

LEADER

On January 6th, 2008 this local church called Peter Frye to serve as Pastor.

AUTHORIZED MINISTER

I thank St. Jacobs, its members and friends, for the love, kindness, and support shown me these last 5 years. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

PEOPLE

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us at your departure.

AUTHORIZED MINISTER

I forgive you and accept your gratitude, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God.

### VOWS OF RELEASE

*All who are able may stand for these or similar words.*

LEADER (*addressing the congregation*)

Do you, the members and friends of St. Jacob's release Peter Frye from the duties of Pastor?

PEOPLE

We do, with the help of God.

LEADER

Do you offer your encouragement for *his* ministry as it unfolds in new ways?

PEOPLE

We do, with the help of God.

LEADER (*addressing the authorized minister*)

Do you, Peter Frye, release this local church from turning to you and depending on you?

AUTHORIZED MINISTER

I do, with the help of God.