

## Parsonage Standards Excerpts Related to Pastoral Change in Conference Journal

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| Standards for Parsonage Furnishings<br>1.K (pg 246) | K. Pets: The Clergy leaving a Charge shall be financially liable for any damage to the parsonage above and beyond the normal wear and tear of family living, and for problems created by pets or neglect. If such a situation occurs the District Superintendent shall be informed for inspection. If a church and the DS agree there is damage from a pastor's pets upon entering a new appointment, if that pastoral family insists on having pets, they must provide a damage deposit equal to the repair and replacement costs incurred in their prior parsonage. |
| Ongoing Conditions<br>2.B (pg 246)                  | It is the responsibility of the clergy leaving a Charge to fully and properly clean the parsonage. How this will be accomplished will be determined in consultation with the Pastor Parish Relations Committee.   |
| 2.C (pg 246)  | When a pastoral change takes place, the Board of Trustees shall evaluate the needs of the parsonage and refurbish accordingly. The clergy leaving the Charge shall inform the Board of Trustees of structural problems or appliances that need repair or replacement.   |
| Pastor's Responsibility<br>5.A (pg 247)             | The parsonage family shall practice good stewardship of parsonage property and will be held financially accountable for damage other than normal wear and tear. They shall keep the parsonage in neat appearance. Upkeep, repair and redecorating will be done in consultation with the local church parsonage (trustees) committee. The parsonage family shall leave the parsonage as good as or better than it was when they moved into the dwelling.   |
| 5.B (pg 247)  | The pastor should keep the parsonage (trustees) committee informed of maintenance needs throughout the year between annual reviews.   |
| 5.C (pg 247)  | The pastor and parsonage (trustees) committee shall inspect the parsonage together at the time of a change of pastors. The location of guarantees and operating instructions for parsonage equipment should be designated for the benefit of the incoming pastor.   |
| 5.D (pg 247)  | Disputes between the pastor and the local church concerning the parsonage shall be referred to the District Superintendent for negotiation and settlement.  |
| The Parsonage Review and Report<br>6.A (pg 247)     | In accordance with <i>The Book of Discipline</i> (258.2.g 16): The chairperson of the Committee on Staff Pastor Parish Relations, chairperson of the Board of Trustees and pastor shall make an annual review of the church owned parsonage to assure proper maintenance.   |

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