

CARE OF PARSONAGES

Clergy shall use care to maintain cleanliness and good housekeeping of the parsonages in which they reside. In addition to the annual inspection of the parsonage, Part V, Chapter Six, Section VI (§ 2532.4), at a time of change in pastoral appointment, there shall be an inspection of the parsonage by the pastor and the pastor/parish relations committee to determine the condition of the parsonage. Where there has been obvious abuse, replacement and/or repair shall be at the pastor's expense. If pets are a part of the pastor's family, the expense for professional treatment for infestation and odor shall be the pastor's responsibility prior to moving out. Any disagreement concerning liability shall be addressed by a mediation committee to determine the ratio of responsibility. The decision of the mediation committee shall be binding on all parties. The mediation committee shall be composed of the district superintendent, a person of the church's (charge's) choice, a person of the pastor's choice, and a neutral person selected by the district superintendent.