

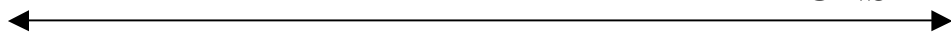
FRIENDSHIP or PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP?

The effectiveness of working relationships and the sense of *sanctuary* in the work environment can be jeopardized when a pastoral relationship becomes more like a friendship. “Special personal relationships” violate the appropriate professional boundary between a pastor and parishioner, a supervisor and the person supervised, a teacher and student, etc. These special relationships might involve gifts, money, private meals, vacationing together, or services related to your personal life (such as having the other person run personal errands, baby-sit, paint your house, or do your taxes).



FRIENDSHIP

PASTORAL RELATIONSHIP



private

public

personal information shared

personal information limited

mutual giving and receiving

usually one-directional

flexible boundaries

more defined, rigid boundaries

power negotiated

power defined by roles



AVOID THE SLIP