

## INFORMAL CLOSINGS FOR PERKINS INTERNSHIPS

*Informal closing in stories and blessings for worship or fellowship gatherings.*

*Mentor Pastor:*

In thanks for God's grace growing (intern name) in ministry,  
I remember your growth in . . . .  
I offer my blessing for your ministry . . . .

*Lay Teaching Committee Chairperson:*

The laity give thanks for God's grace growing (intern) in ministry,  
We remember your growth in . . . .  
We offer our blessing for your ministry . . . .

*Intern:*

I give thanks for the ministry of (church) and (mentor pastor)  
supervising my growth in ministry.  
I grew when . . . .  
I offer my blessing for your ministry . . . .

*Mentor Pastor:*

Let us pray:  
"Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting,  
we give you thanks for cherished memories  
and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions.  
Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."  
(United Methodist Book of Worship, p. 599)

*The mentor pastor or congregation may want to add words of recognition of the intern's family.*