

Immigration Tip of the Month

February - Caution! R-1 visas are not transferable to another employer

The district office, church, or compassionate ministries site that signed the original I-129 form must continue to supervise the pastor or religious worker in possession of the R-1 visa. A new employer must file their own I-129 petition and receive an approval before the pastor can begin new employment. This situation commonly occurs when a pastor is hired by a district to plant a church. Later, the local church may take responsibility for the compensation and supervision of the pastor. This scenario would be considered a change of employer from the perspective of immigration. To learn more click [here](#).