

ORDINATION and/or INSTALLATION SERVICE

Commission: No less than five NHP REs and TEs that reflect the diversity of NHP (gender, people of color, age). Ordinarily, the NHP Moderator and the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk shall be a part of the commission; if either of those are not available, then ordinarily it shall be the NHP Moderator-elect and the Associate Presbyter and Associate Stated Clerk. Others may be invited to be Corresponding Member of the commission and/or be invited to participate in the service as long as the official members of the commission have an active part.

Gathering in the Word

Prelude

Welcome and Introduction of Commission >1st Executive Presbyter (EP) >2nd Assoc. Exec (AEP)

Call to Worship >commission member

Invocation >commission member

*Hymn

*Call to and Prayer of Confession >commission member

*Assurance of Forgiveness >commission member

*The Peace >commission member

*Gloria Patri or other musical response

Growing in the Word (more than one reading is not necessary)

Prayer for Illumination >commission member

Old Testament Reading >commission member

Epistle Reading >commission member

Anthem

Gospel Reading >commission member

Sermon >commission member

*Affirmation of Faith >commission member

Offering >commission member

For Ordinations, offering is for Scholarships for NHP Inquirers and Candidates

For Installations, offering is for the NHP Pastor's Emergency Fund

Offertory Prayer >commission member

Installation) to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

(if applicable **Ordination and Installation to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament**)

Statement on (if applicable Ordination and) Installation >1st EP >2nd AEP

Reaffirmation of the Baptismal Covenant Thanksgiving for Baptism >1st EP >2nd AEP

Constitutional Questions

To Pastor >1st NHP Moderator >2nd NHP Moderator-elect

Do you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church and through him believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit? **I do.**

Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal and God's Word to you? **I do.**

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God? **I do and I will.**

Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture and be continually guided by our confessions? **I will.**

Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit? **I will.**

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world? **I will.**

Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church? **I do.**

Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

I will.

Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? **I will.**

To Congregation >commission member from the congregation

Do we, the members of the church, accept Rev. _____ as our pastor, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ? **We do.**

Do we agree to encourage her/him, to respect her/his decisions, and follow as she/he guides us, serving Christ who alone is Head of the Church? **We do.**

Do we promise to pay her/him fairly, and provide for her/him welfare as she/he works among us; to stand by her/his in trouble, and share her/his joy? Will we listen to the word she/he preaches, welcome her/his pastoral care, and honor her/his authority as she/he seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We do.**

*Laying on of Hand (only if Ordination) and Prayer of Ordination/Installation > commission member

Declaration of (Ordination and) Installation >1st NHP Moderator >2nd NHP Moderator-elect

Charge to the Newly (Ordained and) Installed >commission member

Charge to the Congregation >commission member

Communion >Ordinate or the Installed Pastor

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanks

Going in the Word

*Hymn

*Charge and Benediction >Ordinate or the Installed Pastor

*Postlude