

A Service of Installation

Lift up your eyes and look on the fields that they are white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal, that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together.

The harvest truly is plentiful, but the workers are few. Therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest. The voice of the Lord says, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for Us?"

Candidate: Here am I Lord. Send me.

Do you believe that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the living God and that the Holy Scriptures are the Word of God to make us wise unto salvation through faith in him?

Do you now in the presence of this church commit yourself to the trust and responsibilities incumbent upon a minister of the gospel who serves as a local church pastor?

Will you be faithful in prayer, and in the reading and study of the Holy Scriptures? Will you look for Christ in all others being ready to help and serve those in need? Will you do your best to pattern your life in accordance with the teachings of Christ so that you may be a wholesome example to all people? Will you in all things seek not your glory but the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Congregation of _____ Church have you carefully considered the qualifications of this our brother for the work of the ministry as a local church pastor?

Congregation: **We have.**

Are you satisfied that he will be a worthy messenger and representative of the Lord Jesus Christ as he serves as pastor among you?

Congregation: **We are.**

Will you now commit yourselves to Christian service in partnership with this one who has been set apart as a minister of the gospel and called by your actions to serve as pastor of the church? (As a symbol of your partnership, please stand as we make our commitment known by sharing together a portion of our Church Covenant.)

Congregation: **We will be faithful Christian workers. We will do whatever Christian work comes to hand, shunning no cross, shirking no duty; we will even seek opportunities to do good, glorify God and save souls; we will study to win our associates, our neighbors, our families, all whom we may influence, to become Christians; we will count it more than our meat and drink, more than all things else, to do the will of our Father in heaven, to lead souls from sin and death, and lead them to God and heaven.**

Will you now set apart this man to serve as pastor of this church?

Congregation: **Recognizing the call of God upon your life, and your gifts for ministry, and your willingness to serve, we now set you apart as pastor of this church. We do so that you may serve; that our church may continue to grow; and that God's work may be done in our world. We rejoice with you today. We shall pray for you and work alongside you in the days to come.**

The Prayer of Consecration