

# ORDINATION OF MINISTERS



## PRELUDE – PSALMIST

## INVOCATION

### STATEMENT OF AFFIRMATION:

We now come to the ordination of Ministers to the office of Elder in the Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Having diligently inquired into their fitness as required by Scriptures in doctrine, and manner of life, and especially the inner call of the Spirit, we present them before you to receive ordination with the laying on of hands, according to the apostolic example.

**SCRIPTURE READING:** *Ephesians 4:1-16*

### ORDINATION CHARGE:

The Apostle Paul admonished young ministers:

- Remember Jesus Christ came to seek and save the lost. Make redemption and growth of persons your first objective in your ministry.
- Remember, Jesus went to the cross in total surrender. You too must, "...take up your cross and follow him..."
- Remember, Jesus meets the needs of every human heart; therefore, bring the hearts of men to the heart of Christ.

***The minister shall then ask the following questions:***

Question ..... Do you accept the Bible as God's inspired, infallible, inerrant, immutable, indestructible and indispensable Word?

Answer..... I do, the Lord being my helper.

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Question..... Do you understand the requirements, responsibilities and realities that are to be placed upon you by being ordained and set apart as an ambassador of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Answer..... I do, the Lord being my helper.

Question..... Are you ready and willing to accept and assume the responsibility to peruse, preach, and practice God's Word with boldness; to minister to the needs of those whom you are sent without partiality, and to give yourself sacrificially and without reserve to educating, edification, and equipping of the body of Christ?

Answer..... I am, the Lord being my Helper.

Question ..... Will you endeavor to be diligent in the study of God's Word; instant and faithful in prayer, an example in Christian piety and discipline before the people and the community, in order that your life may be a Christian example and that upon your ministry the blessings of God may rest?

Answer ..... I will, the Lord being my Helper.

Question ..... Recognizing the sacred responsibility of your call and awareness of your own human weakness, will you seek the leadership and empowerment of the Holy Spirit in order that you may be a faithful minister of him who has called you?

Answer ..... I will, the lord being my Helper.

## **PRAYER OF ORDINATION**

*(The candidate(s) shall kneel as directed)*

## **PRAYER OF ANOINTING AND LAYING ON OF HANDS\* BY CLERGY**

*\*Hands shall then be laid upon the candidate(s) by the Bishop(s) and/or the District Elders*

## **PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLE**

*The candidate then be presented a Bible*

## **POSTLUDE – THE ORGANIST**