

THE VOWS OF ORDINATION

(Sample 2)

MINISTER: Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I command you; and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."
Do you take this as your commission, with solemn purpose to unfold to all people the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Response: *I will so do, the Lord being my helper.*

MINISTER: "I exhort first of all that supplication, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, that we may lead a quiet life in all godliness and gravity."
Will you be constant in private and public prayers, and devout and reverent in the conduct of the services of the house of God?

Response: *I will so do, the Lord being my helper.*

MINISTER: "Every Scripture inspired of God is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness, that the person of God may be complete, perfectly equipped for every good work."
Will you diligently read and study the Holy Scriptures and faithfully teach the same?

Response: *I will so do, the Lord being my helper.*

MINISTER: "I charge thee in the sight of God and of Jesus Christ...preach the word, be constant in season, and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all long-suffering and teaching."

Will you thus do the work of a Christian minister?

Response: *I will so do, the Lord being my helper.*

MINISTER: "Whosoever will be great among you, let that one be your minister; and whosoever will be chief among you, let that one be your servant, even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto but to minister and to give his life as a ransom for many."

"I beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith you are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, giving diligence to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace."

"We exhort you to encourage the fainthearted, support the weak, be long-suffering toward all, rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; prove all things; hold fast that which is good; abstain from every form of evil. Give heed to reading, study to show thyself a worker approved of God, rightly handling the Word of life."

"Fight the good fight of faith; lay hold on eternal life, where unto thou art also called. Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. If thou put the sisters and brothers in mind of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Jesus Christ."

(Congregation will rise and remain standing for prayer)

The Congregation: We, then, the people of this Church and members of this Council, in testimony of this high purpose, do now solemnly set you apart for the work of the Christian Ministry, pledging you our love, our prayers, and our steadfast cooperation, that we may walk together in all the ways of the Lord made known, or to be made known, unto us. Amen.