

Ordination Vows-Stephanie A. Salinas

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Introduction

The making of public vows serves to highlight the importance of ordination, both to the candidate and to the ordaining church. These vows speak of the covenant that has already been made in the heart of the ordination candidate, just as marriage vows declare the commitment made in the hearts of the couple getting married. Together, let us witness these vows made in God's redeeming presence.

Do you, Stephanie A. Salinas, declare again your faith in Jesus Christ as your living Savior and Lord? **I do.**

Will you, as a minister of Christ's church, faithfully preach the gospel as proclaimed in Holy Scripture, in season and out of season, in all its fullness and integrity?

RESPONSE: I will, with God's help.

Will you administer the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper with faithfulness and as directed by the church? **RESPONSE**

Will you kindly care for all God's people, wherever and whoever they are and wherever you go, remembering that you do so as if you care for Christ Himself? **RESPONSE**

Will you seek to fulfill the Great Commission to go, teach and baptize, as God directs you and gives you strength? **RESPONSE**

Will you care for yourself spiritually, emotionally and physically, remembering that you cannot adequately offer living water if your well is dry? **RESPONSE**

Will you witness in word and deed, using your creativity, sense of humor, education and experience to further God's reign?

RESPONSE

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Will you represent the church well both in its particularity and universality in how you conduct yourself as a minister of Jesus Christ? **RESPONSE**

Will you strive to work for unity and cooperation within the church and work toward that day when all shall be one? **RESPONSE**

Will you listen for and follow God's ongoing call for your life?
RESPONSE