

RECOMMISSIONING OF COMMISSIONED PASTOR

_____, 2023

Recommissioning of Commissioned Ruling Elders will be held in the churches where they are to serve. These recommissioning services are to take place within six weeks of the _____, 2023, meeting of the Presbytery.

The presbytery representatives and CP to be recommissioned may gather in front.

SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

The presbytery's minister representative leads the people:

We, who are many, are one body in Christ, Rom. 12:5-8
and individually we are members one of another.

We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us:
prophecy, in proportion to faith;
ministry, in ministering;
the teacher, in teaching;
the exhorter, in exhortation;
the giver, in generosity;
the leader, in diligence;
the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery is satisfied that *name* _____
has met all requirements and completed all preparations
prescribed in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

We now re-commission *name* _____ as a commissioned pastor to continue to serve
at _____ Presbyterian Church of _____, ____.

God has called you to ministry in this congregation.

Please renew your commitment to them in answering these questions.

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

The commissioned pastor answers the questions required by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Do you trust in 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 you 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 ruling elder in this commission, serving the people by proclaiming the good
news, teaching faith and caring for the people, and in your ministry will you try to show the love
and justice of Jesus Christ?

I will, with God's help.

PRAYER

Let us pray.

Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants
to speak your Word and lead your loyal people.

We thank you for _____ and *his/her* ministry.

Continue to give *him/her* gifts to do *his/her* particular work.

Fill *him/her* with your Holy Spirit,
so that *he/she* may have the same mind
that was in Christ Jesus.

Enliven *his/her* congregation with such faithfulness and joy in your service
that signs of your kingdom will be unmistakable in their community,

and the invitation to discipleship continual.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Name _____,

On behalf of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery,

I welcome you to your ministry.

May God's Holy Spirit empower you

in the ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

For Presbytery records & minutes, please let Patty know:

- 1. The name of the commissioned pastor,***
- 2. The name of the church,***
- 3. The date of the recommissioning,***
- 4. The name of the minister who officiated, representing Presbytery,***
- 5. The name of a ruling elder of the church who was present, representing Presbytery.***