

ALL CHRISTIANS' FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

THE PROCEDURE OF ORDINATION OF PASTORS

Scripture Reading: Acts 13:2-3 - (*An appointed reader*).

Minister: - “But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.” Then said unto His disciples “the harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few.” “You have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that you should go and bring forth fruit and that your fruit should remain.” What a high privilege of being 'labourers together with God! (*Brother(s) / Sister(s)*), will you now stand before this congregation and declare unto them the call of God upon your life and the purpose for which you go forth to serve?

ORDINAND(S): - (*Brief response from each one of them, one after the other*) - Yea, I'm completely convinced that the Lord has called me to His service.

ORDINAND(S): - (*They will now read the following together*) - Being Confident of my calling from God, and realising that I am dealing with eternal souls, I hereby, covenant before God to dedicate my life to His service. In humble dependence upon God I pledge myself to the faithful fulfilment of all my duties, to live a consistent Christian life and earnestly to endeavour to be a soul winner. I also pledge without reservation my commitment and loyalty to the message, doctrine, constitution, and programs of this Ministry – ALL CHRISTIANS' FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL

Minister: Therefore beloved, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

Minister: "Dearly beloved sister(s) / brother(s), you have been chosen to office through the leading of the Spirit of God. It is my duty to impress upon you the greatness, solemnity and importance of the work unto which you are chosen. You will take heed unto yourselves, to be examples to the church in your daily living. Take heed also to the flock of God over whom the Holy Spirit has placed you in your office. Give prayerful attention unto the office, which is entrusted to you, to fulfil, as unto the Lord Jesus Christ, all its functions. By accepting this trust, you indicate, without reservation, your commitment and loyalty to the message, programs, constitution, doctrine, procedures and world-wide program of ALL CHRISTIANS FELLOWSHIP INTERNATIONAL. Be found faithful that you might enter into the joy of the Lord, to whom you shall render an account.

Minister: "Do you now accept your office as a *sacred and solemn trust* from the Lord Jesus Christ promising Him and this church to fulfil its responsibilities and ministries as indicated above to the best of your ability?"

ORDINAND(S): (*I do/I do not*)

Minister: "Will you strive with God's help to be examples to the flock in the midst of whom He has set you as leaders, holding the mystery of the faith in a pure Conscience?"

ORDINAND(S): (*I will/I will not*)

Minister: "Do you, the members of this Church, acknowledge and receive these officers, entering with them into the spirit of the vow they have just made to God and this church? Do you promise to honour them, encourage them, co-operate with them and pray for them, according as the Word of God and the constitution of this Ministry admonish?"

"You will rise to your feet, to signify that you will stand with them in all their labour of love and Spiritual oversight". (*The congregation will stand and the Ordinand(s) kneels down*)

Congregation: All stand in response in one voice (*we do*).

Minister: "Let us now pray a prayer of dedication, each of you dedicating these leader(s) to God and to their tasks and dedicating yourselves afresh to the spiritual, unity and progress of this Ministry under the blessing of Christ the Head of His Church."

Minister: While the ordinand(s) remain on his/her/their knees, let every other Pastors and Ordained Ministers present here today, join me in laying hands upon him/her/them and praying the prayer of consecration over him/her/them as Pastor(s) of this congregation / in this Ministry, and Minister(s) of the Lord called forth from this congregation/Ministry - (*Prayers!!! - And while soft music is being played in the background, let the congregation and friends move forward to congratulate the ordinand(s)*).