

A Service for the Ordering of Ministry



Virginia Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church
Friday, July 10, 2020 – Woodlake UMC, Chesterfield, VA

A Service of Ordination

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Woodlake United Methodist Church

Please rise as you are able for the acts of worship marked with a cross †. All congregational responses will be on the screens.

Entrance

†Processional Hymn

†Greeting and Prayer

Bishop Sharma Lewis

Bishop Lewis: The grace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

Congregation: And also with you.

†Recognition of our Shared Ministry & Reaffirmation of Baptism

Bishop Lewis: Ministry is the work of God, done by the people of God.

Through baptism,

all Christians are made part of the priesthood of all believers,
the church, Christ's body, made visible in the world.

We all share in Christ's ministry of love and service for the redemption of the human family and the whole of creation.

Therefore, in celebration of our common ministry,
I call upon all God's people gathered here:

Remember you are baptized, and be thankful.

**Congregation: We reaffirm our baptism
and our common call to ministry.
Thanks be to God!**

Presentation of Persons to be Recognized and Ordained

All Laity

led by Rev. Lindsey M. Baynham

We have recommended them in our local congregations.

We present them with our prayers and support.

Members of the Board of Ordained Ministry

led by Rev. Lindsey M. Baynham

We have examined these candidates according to the standards of our Discipline
and this annual conference of The United Methodist Church.

We present them with our prayers and support.

All Deacons in Full Connection

led by Rev. Jason C. Stanley

We present these persons for ordination as deacons.

We present them with our prayers and support.

All Elders in Full Connection

led by Rev. Lynne Alley-Grant

We present these persons for ordination and recognition of orders as elders.

We present them with our prayers and support.

... We ask you, people of God,
to declare your assent
to the set apart ministry of these persons.

Do you trust that they are worthy, by God's grace, to be ordained or recognized?

Congregation: We do! Thanks be to God!

Will you uphold them in their ministry?

Congregation: With God's help, we will.

Proclamation of the Word

†Scripture Reading

Matthew 9:35-10:8

Reader: The Word of God for us, the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Itinerant Missionaries"

Rev. Lynne Alley-Grant

Response to the Word

Special Music

†The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God?

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;**

**he ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

The General Examination

Recognition of Orders

Gil Lee

The Ordination of Deacons:

John Harris Conway

Katherine Ann Malloy

The Ordination of Elders

Sean Charles Devolites

Ashley Beverly Isernhagen

John Akwasi Agyei Obeng

Monica T. Reynolds

Martha C. Ringenbach

Mary Alice Sullivan-Trent

Randall Tennyson Timmerman

Frances Darlene Wilkins

Sending Forth

†Dismissal with Blessing

Bishop Sharma Lewis

Bishop Lewis: The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

Rev. Jason Stanley: Go in peace to serve God and your neighbor in all that you do.

Congregation: We are sent in Christ's name. Thanks be to God!

Worship Leaders

Presiding Bishop, Richmond Episcopal Area
Bishop Sharma Denise Lewis

Chair of the Order of Deacons: Rev. Jason Stanley

Chair of the Order of Elders: Rev. Lynne Alley-Grant

Board of Ordained Ministry, Registrar: Rev. Lindsey M. Baynham

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Instruments and Sign Acts for the Ordering of Ministry

Ordinations ritualize the distinctiveness of the different orders. Thus, not only what is said, but what is done and the signs and instruments by which ordination is enacted is significant. Clear signs and instruments related to the ministry of deacons and the ministry of elders point to and convey the identity and work of each order.

For deacons, a stole is worn over the left shoulder and fastened under the right arm. The instrument to signify this order is the towel, pitcher, and basin.

For elders, a stole is worn, yoked at the back of the neck, hanging straight down from the shoulders. The instrument to signify this order is the paten and chalice.

The Recognition of Orders

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The Historic Questions Asked of These Candidates at the Clergy Executive Session:

(from The Book of Discipline, ¶336)

Historic Examination for Admission into Full Connection*

1. Have you faith in Christ?
2. Are you going on to perfection?
3. Do you expect to be made perfect in love in this life?
4. Are you earnestly striving after it?
5. Are you resolved to devote yourself wholly to God and his work?
6. Do you know the General Rules of our Church?
7. Will you keep them?
8. Have you studied the doctrines of The United Methodist Church?
9. After full examination, do you believe that our doctrines are in harmony with the Holy Scriptures?
10. Will you preach and maintain them?
11. Have you studied our form of Church discipline and polity?
12. Do you approve our Church government and polity?
13. Will you support and maintain them?
14. Will you diligently instruct the children in every place?
15. Will you visit from house to house?
16. Will you recommend fasting or abstinence, both by precept and example?
17. Are you determined to employ all your time in the work of God?
18. Are you in debt so as to embarrass you in your work?
19. Will you observe the following directions?
 - a) Be diligent. Never be unemployed. Never be triflingly employed. Never trifle away time; neither spend any more time at any one place than is strictly necessary.
 - b) Be punctual. Do everything exactly at the time. And do not mend our rules, but keep them; not for wrath, but for conscience' sake.

* *These questions were formulated by John Wesley and have been little changed throughout the years.*