AN ORDER RECOGNIZING ONE WHO HAS BEEN

ORDAINED, COMMISSIONED OR CERTIFIED

*This order may be used within a service of worship by a congregation to recognize someone after he or she has been ordained, commissioned, or certified by the Annual Conference.*

*It is fitting that the person being recognized take a role in the service appropriate to the ministry into which he or she has been ordained, commissioned, or certified.*

*The order may be led by the pastor or, if the pastor is the one being recognized, by another leader such as the lay member of Annual Conference.*

*Prior to the Proclamation and Response, or as a Response to the Word, the person who has been ordained, commissioned or certified stands before the people and faces the leader.*

*The leader tells the congregation of the ordination or certification ceremony, concluding with these or similar words:*

Today we are happy to recognize *Name*

 and celebrate *his/her* entry into this ministry.

*Leader to person being recognized:*

*Name,* we rejoice with you as you enter into this ministry.

As you carry on this ministry

we will stand with you and offer you our fullest support.

*Leader to congregation*:

I invite you to stand and join with me in prayer for Name

 and for *his/her* ministry.

*The leader may pray extemporaneously, or the leader and congregation may join in the following prayer:*

**God of grace and power,**

 **pour out your Spirit on *Name* as *he/she* ministers [among us].**

**Guide and strengthen *him/her* for *his/her* ministry**

 **in all that lies ahead,**

**that together we may be one in ministry to all the world;**

 **through the One in whom we all are one,**

**your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*An appropriate gift or symbol of ministry may be presented. For one who is ordained, this may include a stole appropriate to the order (deacon or elder). For one who is commissioned or certified, this may include an alb, a pectoral cross, a Bible, or a Book of Worship.*

*A hymn may be sung and a blessing given. See hymn suggestions.*

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