

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Pastor: There are varieties of gifts,
but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
**There are different ways of serving God,
but it is the same Lord who is served.**
God works through each person in a unique way,
but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.
**To each is given a gift of the Spirit,
to be used for the common good.**
Together we are the Body of Christ,
and individually members of it.

STATEMENT OF INSTALLATION

We are called into the church of Jesus Christ by baptism,
and marked as Christ's own by the Holy Spirit.
This is our common calling, to be disciples and servants of our servant Lord.
Within the community of the church, some are called
to particular service as deacons, as elders,
and as ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

Clerk of session:

Representing the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church,
the session of Dryden First Presbyterian Church
now calls **Joyce Day and Chuck Nydam** to be
installed as Elders. **Connie Walker** and **Phyllis
Byrn** are called to the office of deacons and
installs them to active service.

Constitutional Questions for Installation, and Commissioning

The moderator of the council of those to be installed, or commissioned shall ask them to stand before the body of membership and to answer the following questions:

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?

b. 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?

c. 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?

d. Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

e. 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?

f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

h. Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

i. (1) (For ruling elder) Will you be a faithful ruling elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

(2) (For deacon) Will you be a faithful deacon, teaching charity, urging concern, and directing the people's help to the friendless and those in need, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Clerk of Session:

Do we, the members of the church, accept **Phyllis Byrn, Joyce Day, Chuck Nydam and Connie Walker,** as deacons and elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

We do.

DECLARATION OF INSTALLATION

Phyllis Byrn, Joyce Day, Chuck Nydam and Connie Walker, you are now deacons and elders in the church of Jesus Christ and for this congregation. Be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life will bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ. Welcome to this ministry!