

AN UNOFFICIAL ORDER FOR RECOGNITION OF ORDINATION AND  
CELEBRATION OF APPOINTMENT  
IN THE GLOBAL METHODIST CHURCH  
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Friends and Family of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, today we are happy to recognize that our pastor, \_\_\_\_\_, has been appointed by the Global Methodist church to serve as our pastor.

\_\_\_\_\_, you have been sent to live in our community as a shepherd for God's Kingdom to help us hear the voice of God through the scriptures, our church tradition, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

As our pastor you are "responsible for ensuring that members are cared for by implementing a discipleship process focused on helping members to "go on to perfection" by loving God with all of their heart, mind, soul, and strength, and by loving their neighbor as themselves. [You] are charged with equipping all the members of a congregation to be in ministry by meeting people at their point of need and offering them Jesus.<sup>1</sup>

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_, do you reaffirm your commitment to ministry to follow God and lead the \_\_\_\_\_ Church?

**Pastor:** Today, I affirm my commitment to serve \_\_\_\_\_ Church by God's grace and to the best of my ability.

Church, do you affirm your commitment to support Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ as he/she guides us, by God's grace, "to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly."<sup>2</sup>

If you do say we will. **We will.**

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<sup>1</sup> *The Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline* paragraph 322 p. 29 (Ephesians 4:11-13).

<sup>2</sup> *The Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline* preface page 2

Church, today we are also happy to announce that Pastor \_\_\_\_\_ has been recognized as an elder in full connection with the Global Methodist Church.

“Elders are clergy members in full connection of the annual conference with full voice and vote on all matters.”<sup>3</sup>

“Elders are ordained to oversee the Sacramental life of the church and thus have full authority to preside at celebrations of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion.”<sup>4</sup>

“Those called to the ministry of elder bear authority and responsibility to proclaim God's Word fearlessly, to teach God's people faithfully, to administer the sacraments, and to order the life of the church so that it may be both faithful and fruitful.”<sup>5</sup>

\_\_\_\_\_, we thank you for submitting your life to this calling in the Global Methodist Church.

Church, we are going to ask pastor \_\_\_\_\_ to kneel at the altar and we ask those who wish to come forward, lay hands on \_\_\_\_\_, and pray with us.

Father of grace, power, and calling, we thank you for all of the servant leaders we have had at Glen\_\_\_\_\_ and the calling you have on his/her life.

God, would you pour out your blessing on him/her, Father, so that he/she may preach the good news to all people. Would you sustain him/her in the process of ministering to those in our community. Would you protect him/her, guide him/her, and lead him/her into a deeper relationship with you. May all of his/her ministry be an overflow of his/her ever deepening relationship with you. May we, as his community, support, encourage, correct, and guide him/her by your grace also, in Jesus name, Amen.

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<sup>3</sup> *The Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline* paragraph 410 page 57

<sup>4</sup> *The Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline* paragraph 313 page 26

<sup>5</sup> *The Transitional Book of Doctrine and Discipline* Paragraph 403 page 51