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To the members and officers of the Mission Council:

Do you each accept the office to which you have been called, and do you promise, with God's help, to fulfill its duties faithfully?

I do.

To the congregation:

Will you pledge your eager support to the work of God in this congregation under the leadership of these with whom you share in ministry in this Body of Christ; and pray God's blessing upon them as together we seek to support one another in faithful service?

We will.

The Installation of the Diaconate

Deacons are faithful disciples who have demonstrated spiritual gifts for a ministry of service to God through Jesus the Christ and the Church. Deacons are active in the life of the Church and support the program and activities of the Church. They prepare and serve communion, and participate actively in one or more ministries of the Church. Deacons share generously, as they are able, of their gifts of time, talent, and money.

To the diaconate:

The church has prayerfully considered your gifts for ministry and has called each of you as a Deacon. You have accepted this call as God's intention for your life. In light of your calling to this responsibility, do you reaffirm your faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God? Do you seek the peace and unity of Christ's church? Do you promise faithfully to perform all the duties of your calling?

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The Ordination of Elders

Elders are spiritual leaders, women and men of character and substance whose lives demonstrate their commitment to God through Jesus Christ and the Church. Elders are called to be spiritual leaders of the Church, presiding at the Lord's Table in worship, assisting with pastoral care, and attending to the spiritual life of the Church. Elders are called to serve as role models to the Church through their conversation, attitude, and action in everyday life and through responsible financial support of the Church's ministry. Elders are called to be teachers and learners, and are committed to spiritual growth through a life-long learning process. Elders are called to be visionaries; they are mindful of the Church's mission and are willing and able to articulate their vision of the Church.

To the new Elders:

The church has prayerfully considered your gifts for ministry and has called you as an Elder. You have accepted this call as God's intention for your life. In light of your calling to this responsibility, do you reaffirm your faith that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? Do you seek the peace and unity of Christ's church? Do you promise faithfully to perform all the duties of your calling?

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The Laying on of Hands

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The Ordination Prayer

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