

## **Supplementary Provision relating to the ordination of licentiates and the induction of ministers.**

1. This Supplementary Provision sets out the elements of a service of ordination and/or induction and identifies mandatory wording. "May" refers to optional elements. "Must" refers to mandatory elements. A commentary on this order of service can be found on the Assembly website.
2. In relation to ordination, Chapter 9.11 in the Book of Order states –
  - (1) The presbytery may ordain a licentiate who is (a) called to a charge, or (b) called to 6 months or more stated supply, or (c) appointed to a position which calls upon the talents of the licentiate.
  - (2) The presbytery must conduct a service of ordination for the licentiate, having regard to the supplementary provisions, which must include:
    - (a) the signing of the Formula, and
    - (b) the preaching of the Word, and
    - (c) a prayer of ordination, and
    - (d) the laying on of hands, joined in by all ministers who are present, and
    - (e) a declaration of ordination.
  - (3) When presbytery has ordained a licentiate under subsection (1), the presbytery must also induct the licentiate into the position to which he or she has been called or appointed.

This supplementary provision is the one to which Ch 9.11 (2) refers.

3. In relation to induction, Ch. 9.2 (6) in the Book of Order states that "a presbytery inducts a minister into each ministry position."
4. The Church has adopted *The Directory for Worship (1995)* that states theological principles underpinning all services of worship including ordinations and inductions.
5. Two other ordination and induction services have been authorised by the General Assembly in recent decades, in 1982 and in 2004.
6. It is recommended that at some point prior to the service, the presbytery invite the licentiate or minister to sign a copy of the Church's Code of Ethics.
7. In ordination, the presbytery is exercising an episcopal function on behalf of the church catholic. That means certain aspects of the service are mandatory to be consistent with ecumenical understandings of ministry as well as those of the Presbyterian Church.
8. As ordination and induction are acts of the presbytery, the presbytery moderator or nominee must preside.
9. Context is important in choosing the format and languages to be used. This supplementary provision uses the English language but languages need to be used relevant to the context. Whatever language is used, the mandatory elements in this supplementary provision need to be included in English and/or translated.
10. This service relates to congregational ministry. There are many other contexts for ministry including chaplaincies. This service will need to be adapted for ordinations and inductions in those contexts.

11. In appropriate circumstances, the celebration of the Lord's Supper may be included.

**Services of ordination and/or induction:**

- a. The gathering of the presbytery and people from the ministry context needs to make clear that it is the presbytery that is ordaining and inducting. At the same time, ministry has a specific scope that is recognised at the beginning of the service. This may be ritualised by people with whom the ministry is to be exercised asking the presbytery to proceed to ordain and/or induct. The following may be used here or later in the service after the preaching of the Word.

**Moderator:** We come to worship God, meeting as a Presbytery to (ordain *N* as a minister of word and sacrament and to) induct *her/him* as a minister in this congregation.

*Presentation of the minister to be (ordained and) inducted. The Ministry Settlement Board Convener and the Church Council Clerk or equivalent bring *N* forward to the Moderator.*

**MSB Convener:** Moderator, I am pleased to present *N* to you for (ordination and) induction.

**Church Council Clerk or equivalent:** Moderator, on behalf of the people of this church/ministry setting I ask that *N* be inducted as our minister.

**Moderator (to the congregation):** Do you, the people of God in this place desire that *N* be inducted as your minister?

**Congregation:** We do.

*Or the following may be used -*

**Moderator:** We have gathered to worship God, meeting as <Presbytery> with the congregation of <Church> to (ordain *N* as a minister of word and sacrament and to) induct (*her/him*) as the minister of this congregation.

- b. The greeting

*The following may be used:*

Kia noho a Ihowa ki a koutou. The Lord be with you.

**Ma Ihowa koe e Manaaki. The Lord bless you.**

- c. The call to worship

- d. The reading of scripture.

- e. The preaching of the Word.

- f. A narrative that briefly outlines the process that led to the ordination and/or induction.

- g. The preamble must include the following words –

**Moderator:** God's church comprises a diverse range of spiritual gifts and forms of ministry. It shares a common purpose: to build up the body of Christ and, in the power of the Spirit, to share in Christ's ministry. As part of this ministry, there are those among us who are called to celebrate the Lord's supper and baptise the children of God, sacraments of grace and reconciliation. These ministers of the Gospel are appointed to proclaim the Word and to help form people for participation

in God's mission. Ministers of Word and Sacrament are part of God's care for the life of the Church.

h. Act of Faith.

The following words must be used ...

**Moderator:** This (ordination and) induction, within the community of the Presbyterian Church of Aotearoa New Zealand as part of the Church universal, is an act of Christian faith. Our Church believes the supreme rule of faith is the Word of God, contained in the Old and New Testaments. We believe that our subordinate standards of faith, the Westminster Confession, the Larger and Shorter Catechisms, and Kupu Whakapono, point towards the faith to which we are all called. We understand that we have liberty of opinion on matters not central to the Faith of our Church. We believe that God's Spirit guides our understanding and leads us in the ways of service, unity and truth.

To that end, let us proclaim the Faith we have received and share with the Church universal by standing (if we are able) and reciting ... (It is appropriate to use an ecumenical creed such as the Apostles' Creed or Kupu Whakapono)

i. Vows of the minister

The following words must be used:

**Moderator:** *N*, my friend in Christ, in view of this declaration of faith, (as you come to be ordained minister of word and sacrament) and to serve within the life of this <congregation> (as minister of word and sacrament), I invite you to declare your faith in God.

I gladly confess my faith in the triune God of grace; and I wholeheartedly reaffirm my trust in Jesus Christ: crucified Saviour, risen Lord, the pioneer and perfector of our faith. I readily receive the witness to Jesus Christ in the holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, and in the Subordinate Standards of the Presbyterian Church. I gladly accept the oversight of this Presbytery. I look forward to serving the people of this congregation, strengthening them in faith and encouraging them in mission.

j. This question may be addressed to the congregation:

**Moderator:** *(to the congregation)*

Do you, the people of this congregation, in receiving *N*, offer her/him your welcome and promise her/him your encouragement and support?

**Congregation:** **With God's help, we do.**

k. The signing of the Formula (Alternatively the Formula may be signed immediately after the conclusion of the service). The Formula must be signed and does not need to be read out.

l. A prayer of ordination/induction of the licentiate or minister must be led by the Moderator or nominee. In an ordination, ministers participate in the laying on of hands.

The following words must be included in the prayer:

We thank you, Loving God, for the processes of discernment and formation that have led to this ordination (for inductions - for the processes of discernment that have led to this induction). We ask that your Spirit rest upon *N*, *(for ordination, the laying on of hands takes place at this point)* blessing her/him and equipping her/him for the ministry of Word and Sacrament to which she/he has been called... (for inductions - for the ministry to which she/he has been called in this place ...)

- m. The declaration – The following words must be used.

**Moderator:** *N*, I declare you to be (ordained as a minister of word and sacrament and) inducted to ministry in this congregation in order to centre its life in worship and encourage its people in mission.

- n. Symbols of ministry may be offered.

- o. Prayer of thanks and for others.

- p. The benediction may be pronounced by the inductee.