

Induction of Ministers of Word and Sacrament

A meeting of the synod, the inducting body in the United Reformed Church, shall be constituted. The Moderator of the Synod (or their deputy) shall be invited by the synod to preside. The service shall normally be held in the pastorate to which the Minister is being inducted. If desired the Lord's Supper may be celebrated.

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For the wonders of creation and the beauty of this earth
All **Creator God, we praise you.**
For your gift beyond words in Jesus Christ
All **redeeming God, we praise you.**
For the call to follow and the grace to serve
All **living God, we praise you.**

Let us confess our sin:
for our abuse of your creation
All **Lord, forgive us;**
for our divisions within the one body of Christ

All **Lord, forgive us;**
for our neglect of the gifts of the Spirit

All **Lord, forgive us;**

Enter and possess our hearts,
to dwell with us always,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Statement

The presiding Minister says:

We meet today as the ... XY ... Synod
of the United Reformed Church,
in the company of members of churches from ...
(representatives of ...)
and friends from far and wide.
We welcome you all.

either

Christians share, through their baptism,
in the ministry of Christ.
The life of faithful discipleship begins
with worship, study of the Scriptures and loving service.
God gives a variety of gifts, from the same Spirit,
and calls each of us to serve
according to our gifts and the needs of the world.
God calls some to be Ministers of Word and Sacraments,
to serve the Church as the Church serves Christ.

or

Christians share, through their baptism,
in the ministry of Christ,
and all Christians are called to be ministers of God's love.
God calls some to be apostles,
some prophets, some evangelists,
some to be pastors and teachers,
to equip the Church for the work of ministry
and to build up the body of Christ.

continuing with ...

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
we have come to induct ... N ... to serve
as a Minister of Word and Sacraments in ...
... N ... has been called to exercise this ministry
by decision of the church meeting(s) of ...
(*by the appointing body of ...* ,)
with the concurrence of the ... XY ... Synod.

The Ministry of the Word

Readings from Scripture

Narrative of the call

We now hear a statement on behalf of the synod,
outlining the steps which led to this call.

We shall hear how the congregation(s) of ...
called ... N ... to be Minister.

*(We shall hear how ... N ... was appointed
to exercise this ministry in the post of ...)*

An appointed person may make a short statement on behalf of the synod and

2. What leads you to this ministry?
**So far as I know my own heart,
I believe that zeal for the glory of God,
love for the Lord Jesus Christ,**

9. Will you undertake to exercise your ministry in accordance with the Statement concerning the Nature, Faith and Order of the United Reformed Church?
I will, and all these things I profess and promise in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Promises

The presiding Minister asks the congregation:

Do you confess again your faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

All **We do.**

Do you receive ... N ... as from God, as a Minister of Word and Sacraments of the United Reformed Church?

All **We do.**

Will you pray for ... N ... in this ministry, giving *them* due honour, support and encouragement?

All **We will.**

asks members of the local church(es) where the Minister is to serve:

Members of ... , do you receive ... N ... as from God, to serve among you and to lead you in your ministry?

We do.

(asks members of the appointing body:

Representatives of ... , do you receive ... N ... as from God, to minister among you?

Induction prayer

The congregation stands for the induction prayer.

God of every perfect gift,
we praise you that in every age you call your people
to show forth your acts of mercy and love.
We give you thanks that you have called your servant ... N ...
to serve you as a minister in your Church,
in succession to the apostles
and in company with all who follow in Christ's way.

Renew the gift of your Holy Spirit
on your servant ... N ...
as in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
we induct *them* to serve as ...

Gracious God, dwell with ... N ...
and strengthen the gifts you have given *them*
that the ministry and mission of your people may bear fruit.

Inspire *them* inil (s)-2g(in)-5.w8 (r)4o [(G)-5.5e cag G in1-1.8 (3)sphlc (s3-2g(ing)4.a[((sn)0.9 ing)

Prayers of Intercession

These prayers may be spoken by different voices and may end with the Lord's Prayer.

Hymn or song

Dismissal and blessing

Now to him who is able to keep you from falling,
and to make you stand without blemish
in the presence of his glory with rejoicing,
to the only God our Saviour,

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