**Installation of a Moderator**

The following order may be used for the installation of a moderator of a presbytery, synod or General Assembly. Normally, the rite will be conducted by the past or retiring moderator. The clerk or nominator may escort the moderator-elect to a position standing before the moderator.

**The Covenant**

*The court will stand as the moderator-elect is presented to the moderator. The moderator addresses the court saying:*

Members of the Presbytery (Synod) of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_:

having elected \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to be your Moderator for the term beginning today, do you promise to

accept *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* authority in the office of Moderator,

cooperate with *\_\_\_\_\_\_* in conducting the business of this court,

and support *\_\_\_\_\_\_* in your prayers?

**We do.**

*The moderator will address the moderator-elect saying:*

Do you, with a free mind and heart, accept the responsibility of office to which this court now calls you?

**I do, God being my helper.**

Do you promise to uphold the standards and constitution of The Presbyterian Church in Canada?

**I do, God being my helper.**

Will you, in dependence on Christ who stooped to wash his servants feet, seek to rule with the same mind that was in him?

**I will, God being my helper.**

**Prayer**

Let us pray.

Sovereign God;

you have called your church into being

and have appointed people

to positions of responsibility, authority and service.

We thank you for your servant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

who now enters upon this term as Moderator of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Sustain *\_\_\_\_\_,* we pray, in health, wisdom and peace,

that *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_* life and work may be a gift of grace to this Court and your church in the world.

These prayers we offer in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,

be all praise and glory.  **Amen.**

**Declaration**

*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*

*in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,*

*the only King and Head of the church,*

*and by the authority of the Presbytery/Synod of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,*

*I install you as Moderator of this court and transmit to you all the obligations and authority that belong to the office.*

*On behalf of all members of this court, I give you the right hand of fellowship.*

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*  ***Amen.***

*The newly installed moderator shall be conducted to the presider's chair by the past moderator. The court shall be seated at the direction of the moderator.*