**Order of Diaconal Ministries**

**A Service of Installation**

*Normally, this act of installation will be conducted by the presbytery within the context of a service of public worship.*

**Narration Of Steps**

*The Moderator of Presbytery or a duly appointed deputy presides, saying:*

By the authority of the Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

we are gathered here to install \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

a member of the Order of Diaconal Ministries, in the position of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

and we now call upon \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

representing\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(*the appointing body*) to declare *its/their* commitment to this appointment.

*The representative narrates the steps in these or similar words*:

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, I declare that we have taken the following steps: (*elaborate*)

Having completed these steps, we have come to an agreement with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

to accept the position of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and are committed to fulfil this covenant.

**The Vows**

*The appointee will stand before the Moderator.*

*A diaconal minister or lay person reads the Scripture.*

*Scripture: Romans 12:4-8.*

*The Moderator says to the appointee:*

You have taken vows at your designation. In accordance with these vows, will you assume the position to which you have been appointed, and will you endeavour to discharge its duties faithfully to the glory of God and in the service of the church?

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

Will you, trusting in God's care, seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills and govern the way you live as becomes the gospel?

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

May almighty God who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them.

*The people of the appointing body stand. The Moderator says:*

Will you, the people of God in this place, accept this servant of Jesus Christ? Will you pray for them, help and honour them for their work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, God being our helper.**

**Declaration**

By the authority of the Presbytery of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I now install you as \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in the name of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Prayer**

Let us pray.

Gracious God, you call your people to service and give them varied tasks in the world and in your church. Grant \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ grace and strength to serve you faithfully to the glory of your name through Jesus Christ our Lord.  **Amen**.

**Welcome**

*The newly installed person will be welcomed by the members of presbytery and representatives of the appointing body*.

**The Charge**

*A member of the Order of Diaconal Ministries or a member of presbytery may give a brief charge to the appointee and the appointing body.*

*The Service of Worship continues.*

*The newly installed person may be asked to give the charge or benediction at the close of the service.*