

## **Constitutional Questions for Ordination/Installation/Commissioning**

### **Constitutional questions asked of the candidate or minister W-4.4003**

*The member presiding shall . . . ask the candidate to answer the following questions:*

- (1) Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- (2) Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the church universal, and God's Word to you?
- (3) Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- (4) Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and continually guided by our confessions?
- (5) Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- (6) Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- (7) Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?
- (8) Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- (9) Will you be a faithful teaching elder, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

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I, name, accept and subscribe to the obligations I undertake in these installation vows.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Ordinand's Signature

Approved by COM on October 12, 2016