

GUIDELINES FOR ORDINATION/INSTALLATION SERVICES

1. An Administrative Commission to ordain and/or install shall be composed of ministers and elders in number as nearly equal as possible. It shall be composed of no fewer than five members with not more than one of its elder members from any one of the Presbytery's constituent congregations.
2. The Moderator of the Presbytery shall be invited to be the Moderator of the Administrative Commission. If the Moderator is unable to participate, the Moderator shall appoint a replacement.
3. Ordinarily, the person being ordained/installed shall submit a list of elders and ministers who would be willing to serve on the Commission to the Committee on Ministry (for installations) or the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (for ordinations).
4. Elders and ministers who are not members of Presbytery de Cristo may be invited to participate in the ordination/installation service, but they are not included as a part of the elected Administrative Commission.
5. Ordinarily, ordination/installation services should not be held during Sunday morning worship services. This enables ministers and elders from other congregations to attend the service.
6. The person being ordained/installed will plan the service. Since an ordination/installation service is one of order of worship, the standards of reformed worship should direct the planning. The proposed order of service shall be presented at least two weeks in advance to the applicable Presbytery Committee Moderator (i.e. to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry for those being ordained and to the Committee on Ministry for those being installed) for review and approval. The bulletin for the ordination/installation service shall include a statement that the service is being conducted by the Presbytery.
7. An offering shall be received at each service of ordination/installation to benefit a scholarship fund for candidates and inquirers under the care of the Presbytery.

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