



Resource Centre

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Covenanting Service

Hymn: *God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian* HWB 632

Worship Leader: Our vision statement reminds us of our Christian calling,

Congregation: **God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Spirit to grow as a community of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.**
(Vision Statement, Mennonite Church Canada)

Worship Leader: Let us join together in prayer:

Congregation: **LORD of heaven and earth, help us fulfill our calling to be a community of faith in this congregation at Home Street, and also to fulfill our calling as a community among many communities as part of Mennonite Church Manitoba and Mennonite Church Canada. You have called us to on a journey, to worship you and to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ, in word and deed, at home and around the world. Amen.**

Worship Leader: God provides a variety of gifts to "equip the saints for the work of ministry and to build up the body of Christ: (*Eph. 4:12*). Today we mark an important moment in the life of _____
(*congregation*). The Holy Spirit has led _____
_____(*congregation*) to call _____ (*candidate*) as
interim _____ (*job title*).

(Brief explanation of specific calling of the candidate)

The covenant you are about to make is a sacred expression of God's call in your life and your commitment to the wider church. So as you make these vows, I ask that you do so with all seriousness and with a deep sense of joy.

Do you believe that the Holy Spirit has lead you to serve as interim _____
(*job title*) of _____

(congregation), and do you pledge to remain open to the leading of the Spirit.

Candidate: Yes, I do.

Worship Leader: Do you commit yourself to lead and care for the work of leadership in our congregations as you strive to live out God's call?

Candidate: Yes, I do.

Worship Leader: Will you be faithful in prayer diligent in the pursuit of truth, faithful in the interpretation of scripture, and bold in proclaiming God's word?

Candidate: By God's help, I will.

Worship Leader: Will you attempt to live openly and justly and will you seek to be sensitive to the needs of each person?

Candidate: By God's help, I will.

Worship Leader: Will you work diligently to fulfill your assigned responsibilities in this coming year?

Candidate: By God's help, I will.

Worship Leader: In the presence of God and this congregation, I charge you to be faithful to the covenant you have just made. Remember "God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline." (II Tim. 4:7)

Today we install you as Interim _____ (job title)
and welcome you as a leader in our community of faith. May God bless our ministry together.

Prayer of Blessing