

Ordination and Induction of Elders

The ordination and induction of Elders should take place during Sunday worship in the local church where the Elders are to serve. The worship should include the reading of Scripture and a sermon (or another form of proclamation of the

Statement concerning the Nature, Faith and Order of the United Reformed Church

This Statement (Basis of Union, Schedule D) is read in one of the approved forms.

A f r m a t i o n s

All stand as the presiding Minister asks those/the one to be ordained and/or inducted to a f r m their faith.

Do you accept this statement
and confess again your faith in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

I do.

In dependence on God's grace
do you re a f r m your trust in Jesus Christ as saviour and Lord
and your promise to follow him
and to seek to do and to bear his will all the days of your life?

I do.

Do you believe that the Word of God
in the Old and New Testaments,
discerned under the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
is the supreme authority
for the faith and conduct of all God's people?

I do.

Do you accept the o f f i c e of Elder
of the United Reformed Church in this congregation
and do you promise to perform its duties faithfully?

I do.

Do you promise as an Elder of the United Reformed Church to
seek its well-being, unity and peace, to cherish love towards all
other churches and to endeavour always so far as you are able to
build up the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church?

**By the grace of God I do, and all these things I profess
and promise in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

Ordination

All new Elders, not previously ordained, may kneel.

Thank you, God, for the various gifts
which you give to your people,
and for the varieties of ministry in the Church.

Thank you for all women and men
of faith and integrity
who have served this local church.

Thank you, now, for ... A ... (and ... B ...).

The Minister and appointed Elders lay hands on each person to be ordained, praying thus:

Empower *them* with your Holy Spirit,
give *them* humility and grace,
so that by *their* faithfulness,
they may show your love to your people:
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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In your name,
and trusting it to be your will,
we now ordain ... A ...
to be an Elder.

Induction

The Minister asks the members of the church to accept the ministry of all the Elders named, both newly-ordained and any previously ordained:

Do you, the members of this local church,
accept and ree 2(e).6.6 (e 2(e).6.6 (e 2(→D 348 Tm29.8 (c)-1129.8))TJ 0 28 (.8)27.9 (.2)

Declaration of Ordination and/or Induction

... A ... (... B ... , ... C ... and ... D ...), in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and according to the decision of the church meeting,
I declare you to be (*ordained and*) inducted
to serve as an _____,
and welcome you into this office,
in confirmation of which
I give you the right hand of fellowship.

The Minister and others give the right hand of fellowship.

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely,
and may your spirit, soul and body
be kept sound and blameless.
The one who calls you is faithful

Eternal God,
accept this commitment
made in your presence,
and give us grace to make it true,
so that we may not fail you in the end,
but give you glory and honour
by the way we live
and through everything we say and do,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Supper normally follows and the newly-inducted Elders serve or are served together.

Some suggested Scripture readings are: 1 Peter 1:10-12, 2 Peter 1:1-11, 1 John 1:1-7, 1 John 4:19-21, 1 John 5:1-5, 1 John 5:20-21, 1 John 5:22-23, 1 John 5:24-25, 1 John 5:26-28, 1 John 5:29-30, 1 John 5:31, 1 John 5:32, 1 John 5:33, 1 John 5:34, 1 John 5:35, 1 John 5:36, 1 John 5:37, 1 John 5:38, 1 John 5:39, 1 John 5:40, 1 John 5:41, 1 John 5:42, 1 John 5:43, 1 John 5:44, 1 John 5:45, 1 John 5:46, 1 John 5:47, 1 John 5:48, 1 John 5:49, 1 John 5:50, 1 John 5:51, 1 John 5:52, 1 John 5:53, 1 John 5:54, 1 John 5:55, 1 John 5:56, 1 John 5:57, 1 John 5:58, 1 John 5:59, 1 John 5:60, 1 John 5:61, 1 John 5:62, 1 John 5:63, 1 John 5:64, 1 John 5:65, 1 John 5:66, 1 John 5:67, 1 John 5:68, 1 John 5:69, 1 John 5:70, 1 John 5:71, 1 John 5:72, 1 John 5:73, 1 John 5:74, 1 John 5:75, 1 John 5:76, 1 John 5:77, 1 John 5:78, 1 John 5:79, 1 John 5:80, 1 John 5:81, 1 John 5:82, 1 John 5:83, 1 John 5:84, 1 John 5:85, 1 John 5:86, 1 John 5:87, 1 John 5:88, 1 John 5:89, 1 John 5:90, 1 John 5:91, 1 John 5:92, 1 John 5:93, 1 John 5:94, 1 John 5:95, 1 John 5:96, 1 John 5:97, 1 John 5:98, 1 John 5:99, 1 John 5:100.

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