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# The Meaning and Practice of Ordination, Commissioning, and Consecration in the Evangelical Covenant Church

At the end of the first century the early church was facing two stark realities. The apostles—the eye witnesses to the resurrection and the great teachers of the faith—were dying, and Jesus had not yet returned. It was in response to this looming deficit that the early church began to shape the forms of ordered ministry. A few from among the body would be set apart for ministry within the body, thus holding the church true to its beginnings in the gospel of Jesus Christ—Christ born, Christ crucified, Christ risen, Christ coming in glory. It is the responsibility of each succeeding generation of the church to do the same, setting apart men and women for ordered ministry. In light of this, the Evangelical Covenant Church recognizes its responsibility to ordain, commission, license, and consecrate persons for various ministries of the church and to exercise support of and discipline over them. The Board of the Ordered Ministry is elected by the Annual Meeting of the Evangelical Covenant Church for the administration of this responsibility.

The Evangelical Covenant Church believes that there is only one mission of the church, the mission of God made known in Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. The mission of the Triune God comes to expression through the ministries of the church, including worship, preaching, teaching, rites, sacraments, witness, and service as attested in Holy Scripture. The mission belongs not just to ordained, commissioned, licensed, and consecrated persons, but to the whole church as a priesthood of believers: “You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). When believers, corporately or individually, are called into the service of the Triune God, letting their words and actions bear witness to God’s redemptive act, the essential ministry is being performed. The Evangelical Covenant Church has always stressed a vital and informed ministry of the people of God in the world.

While the ministry of the Triune God belongs to the whole church, the Evangelical Covenant Church has recognized the specific service to the word of God by those endowed with the requisite gifts and graces of the Holy Spirit, discerned and confirmed by the church to be so equipped. This apostolic ministry is entrusted to those who have been formed and educated rightly to handle the word of truth, to equip the people of God, both corporately and individually, for their respective ministries in the world, and to build up the congregation in faith, hope, and love.

Since the whole church ordains, commissions, and consecrates—not simply the local congregation—the service takes place at the Annual Meeting. There, through prayer and the laying on of hands, the Covenant Church sets apart such persons for the ministry and sends them out to be servants of the word of God. In the rite

of ordination to word and sacrament, candidates are charged with the authority to preach the word, to administer the sacraments, and to bear rule in the church. In the rite of ordination to word and service, candidates are charged with carrying out specific ministry roles within the church, but are equally called to the ministry of word and sacrament and share in the task of equipping the saints and building up the church. In the rite of commissioning, the candidates' focus in ministry is primarily in an area of specialty, giving a single purpose rather than a broad-based contribution to the life of the church. In the rite of consecration, the candidates are charged to labor for the kingdom and bear witness to the gospel among the people in the countries where they serve in mission. All are to be servants of God and are called to be enablers of all the spiritual priesthood. As servants, they are to represent God to the people and represent the people to God. To them is entrusted the apostolic tasks of proclaiming the good news (*kerygma*), of instructing in Christian truth (*didache*), and of training in worship (*leitourgia*).

The rites of ordination, commissioning, and consecration do not impart the Holy Spirit to these persons for the first time. They have already experienced the presence and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives as Christians. Nor do these rites convey an indelible character. Yet there is a pervading mystery of the Spirit's presence in ordination, commissioning, and consecration that defies analysis. For in these rites Almighty God is at work: the sovereign Creator and Redeemer; Jesus Christ, who is the good news of the gospel; the Holy Spirit, who quickens, sustains, and empowers us. Thus these persons are God's servants, subject to God's discipline and care as exercised through the church.

## Worship Notes

### Vesting with Stoles

The ordination, commissioning and consecration service celebrates the changes made when the revised Rules for the Ordered Ministry were adopted in 2002. The order of service now includes ordination to word and service and consecration to missionary service, which honors and fully recognizes the many specializations within the call to pastoral ministry and mission, and the renewal of baptismal vows for the entire congregation. This act highlights the common vows of Christian ministry shared by the whole church.

One notable change in the service, made in 2003, was the vesting with stoles for all those receiving orders. The decision to gift the participants with a stole originated from the Board of the Ordered Ministry's desire to strengthen the identity of pastoral ministry, missionary service, and the teaching office of the church. The pastoral office is a gift and privilege that the church bestows and an identity and role that the pastor enters into through his or her vows. In like fashion, one receives the church's blessing and enters into missionary service or teaching ministry through

his or her vows. The use of stoles in the church has a long history dating back to the earlier centuries of the church. The stole is a visual symbol of the yoke of ministry, just as oxen would have been yoked for service and work, so is the pastor yoked to the gospel through the vesting of these stoles. Indeed, the shape of the stole reflects that of the yoke.

Each year lay members place stoles on each pastor and missionary symbolizing the role of the whole church in recognizing the pastoral, teaching and missionary offices and in binding each to the vows of ministry.

The stoles for transfers, commissioning, ordination to word and service and ordination to word and sacrament were designed and made by Vicki Twigg of Chicago, Illinois. As the stole is a visual symbol of the yoke of ministry, the designs symbolize the ministries of the pastoral office. The inspiration for these designs comes from our Covenant Affirmations.

The style of the cross is reminiscent of the Swedish roots of the Covenant Church and is surrounded by the points of a compass reminding us of God's call to take the message to the whole world. The Bible reminds us of the centrality of God's word and the dove image, seen here breaking through chains, represents our freedom in Christ and the presence of the Holy Spirit on whom we depend. The chalice and bread on the word and sacrament stoles symbolize the sacramental ministry. This, and the loaves and fish image both contain three ears of wheat signifying our worship of the Triune God. For those who are ordained to word and service or commissioned, the five loaves and two fish symbolize service as suggested by this familiar story: the recognition of a need; the boy offering his lunch; Christ giving the increase; and the disciples passing out the food.

Across the bottom of each stole are the colors of the liturgical year, calling the pastor to anchor his or her ministry in the life and witness of Jesus Christ. The two major festivals—Christmas and Easter—are represented by the white color of the ordination stoles. The color green for the commissioning candidates recognizes the direct nurture and instruction of the church to grow throughout its life and witness.

These stoles are provided by the local churches, other institutions the candidates serve, and the departments of Ordered Ministry and World Mission. We recognize that some pastors and missionaries may use the stoles throughout the different seasons of worship in any given year. Others may choose to simply keep it as a symbol and remembrance of this day when they spoke their vows of ministry. For each, the stole is a constant reminder that ministry is a gift that Christ and his church bestows. It is our prayer that each ordained, commissioned, consecrated and transferring pastor and missionary would hear the words of Jesus, "Take my yoke upon you ... for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

## Children Leading the Processional

The children leading the processional represent both the present and future church, and are a reminder that all of us come before God as children. They carry a stole representing those being commissioned, and ordained. They also come forward carrying the word of God, a ewer of water representing baptism, and a candle reminding us of Christ who goes before us and that we too are to be Christ's light in the world.

LIST OF CANDIDATES  
FOR FINALIZATION OF TRANSFER OF ORDINATION,  
CONSECRATION TO MISSIONARY SERVICE, AND ORDINATION

CANDIDATES FOR FINALIZATION OF TRANSFER OF ORDINATION

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KIRT E. ANDERSON

Serving: Naples Community Church, Naples, FL  
Ordaining body: Presbyterian Church USA  
Conference: Southeast

MARY L. HENDRICKSON

Serving: Re-entering call process  
Ordaining body: Presbyterian Church USA  
Conference: North Pacific

PETER KIM

Serving: Redeemer Life, Libertyville, IL  
Ordaining body: Presbyterian Church in America  
Conference: Central

MATTHEW J. MARZLUFT

Serving: Village Covenant Church, Azusa, CA  
Ordaining body: Presbyterian Church USA  
Conference: Pacific Southwest

TIMOTHY B. SMITH

Serving: Re-entering call process  
Ordaining body: Presbyterian Church USA  
Conference: Midsouth

ANIBAL VASQUEZ

Serving: Primera Iglesia Del Pacto, Bell Gardens, CA  
Ordaining body: Templos Evangelicos de Santiago  
Conference: Pacific Southwest

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Serving: Pilgrim Pines Conference Center, Swanzey, NH  
Specialization: Youth Ministries  
Conference: East Coast

BRIAN C. GLEASON

Serving: Hillside Covenant Church, Walnut Creek, CA  
Specialization: Youth Ministries  
Conference: Pacific Southwest

IAN A. LONGTIN

Serving: Hope Center Covenant Church, Pleasant Hill, CA  
Specialization: Leadership  
Conference: Pacific Southwest

## CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION TO WORD AND SERVICE

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DAPHNE L. DeMARIS

Serving: Radiant Health Resources, Grosse Pointe, MI  
Specialization: Counseling  
Conference: Great Lakes

RENEE L. FRANZEN

Serving: Brookdale Covenant Church, Brooklyn Center, MN  
Specialization: Counseling  
Conference: Northwest

RICHARD A. GORDON

Serving: River Ridge Covenant Church, Olympia, WA  
Specialization: Adult Ministries  
Conference: North Pacific

CORENNA R. HOYT

Serving: Young Life, Manville, RI  
Specialization: Leadership  
Conference: East Coast



KURT E. KINCANON

Serving: Evangelical Covenant Church, Lafayette, IN  
Specialization: Administration  
Conference: Central

AMY E. OXENDALE

Serving: North Park University, Chicago, IL  
Specialization: Discipleship Ministries  
Conference: Central

GEOFFREY M. TWIGG

Serving: North Park Theological Seminary, Chicago, IL  
Trinity Evangelical Covenant Church, Oak Lawn, IL  
Specialization: Worship Ministries  
Conference: Central

KIRSTEN D. WAGENIUS

Serving: InterVarsity Christian Fellowship, St. Cloud, MN  
Specialization: Administration/Leadership  
Conference: Northwest

CANDIDATES FOR ORDINATION TO WORD AND SACRAMENT

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ERIC W. ABRAMSON

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Conference: Northwest

NATHAN D. ALBERT

Serving: Christ Church, East Greenwich, RI  
Conference: East Coast

SHARON R. ANDERSON

Serving: Pine Lake Covenant Church, Sammamish, WA  
Conference: North Pacific

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Serving: Iglesia Del Pacto Eagle Rock, Los Angeles, CA  
Conference: Pacific Southwest

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Serving: Winnetka Evangelical Covenant Church, Wilmette, IL  
Conference: Central

TODD M. BRATULICH

Serving: First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, MN  
Conference: Northwest

LAUREL F. BUWALDA

Serving: Sanford Health, Sioux Falls, SD  
Conference: Northwest

JAVIER CARRILLO

Serving: Turlock Covenant Church, Turlock, CA  
Conference: Pacific Southwest

DARREN W. CATRON

Serving: Community Covenant Church, West Peabody, MA  
Conference: East Coast

TIMOTHY R. CICCONE

Serving: Covenant Offices, Chicago, IL  
Conference: Central

PAUL W. COULEUR

Serving: Country Evangelical Covenant Church,  
Campton Hills, IL  
Conference: Central

JOSHUA R. DANIELSON

Serving: Re-entering call process  
Conference: Midwest

PETER M. DIBLEY

Serving: First Evangelical Covenant Church, Rockford, IL  
Conference: Central

THOMAS M. DIERENFELD

Serving: LifeSpring Covenant Church, Loveland, CO  
Conference: Midwest

DAVID C. DILLER

Serving: Re-entering call process  
Conference: Great Lakes

SETH M. DOMBACH

Serving: Headwaters Covenant Church, Helena, MT  
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Serving: Emergency Response Chaplain, Renton, WA  
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Serving: Re-entering call process  
Conference: Pacific Southwest

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Serving: Re-entering call process  
Conference: Pacific Southwest

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Serving: Harbor Covenant Church, Gig Harbor, WA  
Conference: North Pacific

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Serving: Centro Hispano de Estudios Teológicos, Compton, CA  
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Serving: Central Conference, Chicago, IL  
Conference: Central

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Serving: Evangelical Covenant Church, Donaldson, IN  
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Serving: Emmanuel Evangelical Covenant Church, Surrey, BC  
Conference: Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada

BRUCE E. HELGESON

Serving: Hope Evangelical Covenant Church, Grand Forks, ND  
Conference: Northwest

NEAL C. HERR

Serving: First Evangelical Covenant Church, Grand Rapids, MI  
Conference: Great Lakes

DAVID E. HUGARE

Serving: Zion Covenant Church, Ellsworth, WI  
Conference: Northwest

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Serving: Restoration Covenant Church, Burnsville, MN  
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Serving: Rochester Covenant Church, Rochester, MN  
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Serving: Evangelical Covenant Church, Stromsburg, NE  
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Serving: Re-entering call process  
Conference: Northwest

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Serving: Maple Grove Hospital, Maple Grove, MN  
Conference: Northwest

ERIN A. KERR

Serving: Evangelical Free Church – Fullerton, Fullerton, CA  
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ABRAHAM H. KIM

Serving: Compass Christian Center, Federal Way, WA  
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ARA KOLIANTZ

Serving: Evangelical Covenant Church, Lafayette, IN  
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CARMEN BENSINK LEWIS

Serving: Bridge Covenant Church, Salem, OR  
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SCOTT BENSINK LEWIS

Serving: Bridge Covenant Church, Salem, OR  
Conference: North Pacific

JOHN R. LINDT

Serving: Bethel Mission Covenant Church, Wallace, MI  
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Serving: Covenant Offices, Chicago, IL  
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Serving: Trinity Church, Indianapolis, IN  
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Serving: First Covenant Church, Everett, WA  
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JAMES A. MURPHY

Serving: Evangelical Covenant Church, Bemidji, MN  
Conference: Northwest

CLAY E. NAPIER

Serving: United Hospice of Coastal Carolina, New Bern, NC  
Conference: Southeast

JEFFREY C. OLSON

Serving: Catalyst Covenant Church, St. Paul, MN  
Conference: Northwest

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Serving: World Mission: Latin America  
Conference: World Mission

SOUDINH PENKHAY

Serving: Brookdale Covenant Church, Brooklyn Center, MN  
Conference: Northwest

JUDY B. PETERSON

Serving: Excelsior Covenant Church, Excelsior, MN  
Conference: Northwest

DAVID G. ROBINSON

Serving: Cannon Beach Community Church,  
Cannon Beach, OR  
Conference: North Pacific

DAVID L. SCHERRER

Serving: Christ Community Covenant Church, Arvada, CO  
Conference: Midwest

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Serving: New Song Covenant Church, Anchorage, AK  
Conference: Evangelical Covenant Church of Alaska

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Serving: Monticello Covenant Church, Monticello, MN  
Conference: Northwest

ELISE A. STEEL

Serving: North Park Covenant Church, Chicago, IL  
Conference: Central

JO ANNE TAYLOR

Serving: First United Methodist Church, New Ulm, MN  
Conference: Northwest

KYLE S. THOMSEN

Serving: University Covenant Church, Davis, CA  
Conference: Pacific Southwest

JAMES R. TYBERG

Serving: Pasadena Covenant Church, Pasadena, CA  
Conference: Pacific Southwest

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Serving: Sierra Bible Church, Murphys, CA  
Conference: Pacific Southwest

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Serving: Riverside Covenant Church, Riverside, RI  
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Serving: Avenue Community Church, Markham, ON  
Conference: Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada

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Conference: Northwest

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