

Officer Ordination Questions

1. Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?

2. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God, totally trustworthy, fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, the supreme, final and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

3. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

4. Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with the system of doctrine as taught in the Scriptures and as contained in the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, you will on your own initiative make known to your church Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

5. Do you affirm and adopt the "Essentials of Our Faith" without exception?

6. Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

7. Do you promise subjection to your fellow *Presbyters and* officers in the Lord?

To Deacons :8. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to accept the office of Deacon from love of God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the gospel of his Son?

To Elders: 8. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to accept the office of Ruling Elder from love of God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the gospel of his Son?

9. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account?

10. Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as Deacon, or Ruling Elder whether personal or relative, private or public, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before this congregation of which God will make you an officer?

11. Are you now willing to take responsibility in the life of this congregation as a Deacon, or Ruling Elder and will you seek to discharge your duties, relying upon the grace of God, in such a way that the entire Church of Jesus Christ will be blessed?

FOR THE CONGREGATION

Do you, the members of this congregation, continue to receive this (these) person(s) as Deacon(s), as Ruling Elders, or as Trustees and do you continue your promise to yield to them and all your officers all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which the ordination as an officer entitles them, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

Charge to the Officers and Congregation
1 Peter 5:1–7 (ESV)