

Installation Service for Presbytery Moderator and Vice Moderator

Yellowstone Presbytery

Christ calls His Church into being, equips His Church for its life and ministry. Christ brings us together from all parts of Yellowstone Presbytery to encourage one another and to journey with one another in mutual discipleship; in obedient service to each other and to the world; to share God's Good News in word and deed; to pursue justice and peace; and for spiritual growth and transformation. And in this era of divisiveness and alienation, to keep the main thing, the main thing, namely Christ Himself to the glory of God, summarized well in the Great Ends of the Church.

You, Jack, as Moderator; you Susi as Vice-Moderator are called by God by the voice of this presbytery to be our leaders during the year ahead. You have indicated your willingness to answer this important calling. And all of us thank you.

As you embrace the role and work under Christ and unto Christ, will you indicate your willingness by considering and answering the traditional questions of installation as they are presented to you?

Ordination Questions for Candidates for Ministry in the PCUSA

- a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- d. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

h. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

For Moderator and Vice Moderator†: Will you be a faithful Moderator and Vice Moderator†, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the councils of the church; and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

For the Members of Yellowstone Presbytery: Do we, the Members of Yellowstone Presbytery, receive and accept Jack Bell as our Moderator and Susi Ennis as our Vice Moderator for this one-year term of service? Will we respect their judgements, support their leadership, and pray for them in their service to Christ and with us?

The Presbytery comes forward for the laying on of hands:

Presbytery Prayer: Loving and Holy God, in Your Holy Spirit, you have called Jack and Susi to special service as moderator and vice moderator of this Your presbytery. They have accepted Your call and pledged themselves to serve You faithfully. And so we, gratefully and earnestly pray for them...

Give to them a fresh out-pouring of Your Holy Spirit that they may see Your way clearly unfolding before them as they lead us in our Common life and work in Christ. Give them wisdom beyond their own abilities; strength beyond their own resources; obedient wills to follow You should you lead us in difficult paths for Your work and glory; and grant them a sense of Your reward and pleasure on the completion of their work, in the Name of Him who obeyed and lived for You in all things, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

Declaration of Ministry: Jack and Susi, you are now installed as Moderator and Vice Moderator of Yellowstone Presbytery. May you serve with faithful joy and holy love to the glory of God and the strengthening of the presbytery. Please be assured of our love and support as unto Christ. **Amen!**

Welcome to this ministry!