

Service of Installation

Fallbrook Seventh-day Adventist Church – Pastor Gerald Jones

Furness: Friends, we have gathered today to welcome your new pastor, Gerald Jones, and his family into your ministry and fellowship.

People: **We welcome Pastor Jones as God’s servant and shepherd for this time and in this place and we welcome his family.**

Furness: Who are you to welcome him?

People: **We are part of the body of Christ who are called God’s chosen people. We worship in this place.**

Furness: As God’s people, you are also called to ministry.

People: **Indeed we are. For we gather together in common worship. Our church doors are open to all who seek spiritual nurture. We are here to sustain one another when burdened, to extend the hand of charity, and to loose the bonds of bigotry, malice, hatred, and ill-will. We are here to share the good news of God’s love in deed and in word and to seek knowledge, that each generation may grow in wisdom.**

Furness: The coming of Gerald to the pastoral ministry of this congregation marks a new step in the life of this body. As members at Fallbrook, what work do you request from your pastor? Pastor Jones, do you accept this task?

People: **We ask that you guide us in our worship and instruct us in our learning.**

Jones: By the grace of God, I will.

People: **We ask that you sustain us in our suffering and share with us in our joys.**

Jones: Through God’s unfailing love, I will.

People: **We ask that you challenge us in our deliberations and abide with us in our frailties.**

Jones: In God’s power, I will.

Furness: You have heard the pledges of the one you have requested to be your pastor. I now ask you, “Will you receive him and his family in love? Will you respect, and support him as one that is duly called by God.”

People: We pledge to Pastor Jones our support for his ministry among us. We will dedicate our talents and gifts in cooperative service, so that our congregation will be complete and not lacking in any good thing and live as Christ’s healing agents in this church and community.

Furness: I have heard your pledges as God’s people in this place. Let us pray asking the Spirit of God to assist us in filling our calling to His service.

Prayer: **(Congregation and Pastor Jones)**

Spirit of God, join us together this day in our shared ministry which proclaims the life and witness of Christ. May we pledge to love each other, to agree to disagree, to restrain from speaking unkindly of others, and to avoid all forms of unfaithfulness.

Bless our pledges as we minister together and seek to nurture harmony as pastor and congregation. May we witness your gifts in one another. May we grow together in joy and wisdom as we venture forth together praising your Spirit.

When there is an associate pastor to install and the senior pastor requests assistance with the installation, one might amend the installation service as follows:

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Yucaipa Seventh-day Adventist Church – Pastor Eddie Sanker

Furness: Friends, today we welcome your new associate pastor, Eddie Sanker, and his family into your ministry and fellowship.

People: We welcome Pastor Sanker as God’s servant and shepherd for this time and in this place and we welcome his family.

Furness: Who are you to welcome him?

People: We are part of the body of Christ who are called God’s chosen people. We worship in this place.

Furness: As God’s people, you are also called to ministry.

People: Indeed we are. For we gather together in common worship. Our church doors are open to all who seek spiritual nurture. We are here to sustain one another when burdened, to extend the hand of charity, and to loose the bonds of bigotry, malice, hatred, and ill-will. We are here to share the good news of God’s love in deed and in word and to seek knowledge, that each generation may grow in wisdom.

Furness: The coming of Eddie as one of your pastors marks a new step in the life of this body. As members at Yucaipa, what work do you request from your pastor? Pastor Sanker, do you accept this task?

People: We ask that you guide our youth, to work closely with our senior Pastor, to assist in our worship and teach us as we learn more about our God.

Sanker: By the grace of God, I will.

People: We ask that you sustain us in our suffering and share with us in our joys.

Sanker: Through God’s unfailing love, I will.

People: We ask that you challenge us in our deliberations and abide with us in our frailties.

Sanker: In God’s power, I will.

Elsey: As a pastor on our church staff, will you assist your senior pastor and staff in the work of leading, training, planning, and maintaining the objectives and projects of this church?

Sanker: Indeed I will, for God has called me to this ministry. By his grace I will serve this congregation.

Furness: You have heard the pledges of the one you have requested to be your pastor. I now ask you, “Will you receive him and his family in love? Will you respect, and support him as one that is duly called by God.”

People: We pledge to Pastor Sanker our support for his ministry among us. We will dedicate our

talents and gifts in cooperative service, so that our congregation will be complete and not lacking in any good thing and live as Christ's healing agents in this church and community.

Furness: I have heard your pledges as God's people in this place. Let us pray asking the Spirit of God to assist us in filling our calling to His service.

Prayer: (Congregation, pastors and Pastor Sanker)

Spirit of God, join us together this day in our shared ministry which proclaims the life and witness of Christ. May we pledge to love each other, to agree to disagree, to restrain from speaking unkindly of others, and to avoid all forms of unfaithfulness.

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