

Commissioning of CRE Carleen Frost to Service at Rock Stream Presbyterian Church

November 28, 2023

Jeff: During this commissioning ceremony, Carleen, please unmute yourselves as you answer the constitutional questions. Members of Geneva Presbytery, please remain muted when reading your parts of the liturgy and respond to the constitutional question posed to you by using one of the following nonverbal, visual signs to show your affirmation.

Hear these words from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians:

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

The Presbytery of Geneva is satisfied that Carleen Frost has received preparation and instruction for pastoral service as determined by this presbytery. In accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), we now commission Carleen Frost to pastoral service in and for the Rock Stream Presbyterian Church.

Carleen, 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?

Carleen: I do.

Jeff: 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?

Carleen: I do.

Jeff: 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?

Carleen: I do and I will.

Jeff: Will you fulfill your commission in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

Carleen: I will.

Jeff: 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?

Carleen: I will.

Jeff: Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

Carleen: I will.

Jeff: Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

Carleen: I do.

Jeff: Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

Carleen: I will.

Jeff: Will you be a faithful ruling elder in this commission, serving the people by proclaiming good news, teaching faith, and caring for the people, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Carleen: I will, with God's help.

Jeff: Let us pray. Almighty God, in every age you have chosen servants to speak your word and lead your loyal people. We thank you for Carleen Frost, whom you have called to serve you in and for the Rock Stream Presbyterian Church. Give her gifts for the work of ministry. Fill her with your Holy Spirit, so that she may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and live as Christ's faithful disciple.

All: God of grace, in baptism you have called us to a common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation. Give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

Jeff: On behalf of the Presbytery of Geneva, I welcome you to this ministry. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

All: Thanks be to God.