

Installation of Presbytery Moderator and Vice Moderator

November 28, 2023

Jeff: During this installation ceremony, Anita and Connie, 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: the thumbs up sign, the clapping sign, or simply wave or clap your hands on camera to show your enthusiastic support for your new Presbytery officer.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

All: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus.

Jeff: 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,

All: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

Jeff: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

All: The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the church; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

Jeff: The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life symbolized in our baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.
At this time, Anita Milne will be installed as the new Moderator of Geneva Presbytery; and Connie Franks will be installed as the new Vice Moderator of Geneva Presbytery. They will assume these responsibilities on January 1, 2024.

Anita and Connie, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved, and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways which serve Christ.

God has called you, Anita, to serve as Moderator, and you, Connie, to serve as Vice Moderator of Geneva Presbytery. Please be sure you are unmuted and show your purpose by answering these questions.

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Anita & Connie: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Jeff: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love? If so, please say, "I will, with God's help."

Anita & Connie: I will, with God's help.

Jeff: Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world? If so, please say, "I do."

Anita & Connie: I do.

Jeff: Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit? If so, please respond by saying, "I will, with God's help."

Anita & Connie: I will, with God's help.

Jeff: Do you, members of Geneva Presbytery, confirm the call of God to our sibling, Anita Milne as Presbytery Moderator and Connie Franks as Vice Moderator in the service of Jesus Christ? If so, please, while you remain muted, show an appropriate *visual* sign of affirmation.

Presbytery: (show signs of affirmation)

Jeff: Will you support and encourage Anita and Connie in their ministry? If so, please, once again, show an appropriate sign of affirmation.

Presbytery: (show signs of affirmation)

Jeff: Let us pray. Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Anita and Connie to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love, and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

All: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your Kingdom. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Jeff: Now, may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and keep your whole being, spirit, soul, and body, free from every fault at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Anita Milne, you are now installed to service as Moderator of Geneva Presbytery. And Connie Franks, you are now installed to service as Vice Moderator of Geneva Presbytery. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him. Amen.