



## RECEIVING A CANDIDATE UNDER CARE

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### OPENING SENTENCES

The moderator or other representative of the presbytery addresses the presbytery.

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; *Isa. 43:1b-3a*  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you;  
and through the rivers,  
they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through the fire  
you shall not be burned.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

### CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

The candidate answers the questions required by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Do you believe yourself to be called by God to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament?

**I do.**

Do you promise in reliance upon the grace of God to maintain a Christian character and conduct, and to be diligent and faithful in making full preparation for this ministry?

**I do.**

Do you accept the proper supervision of the presbytery in matters that concern your preparation for this ministry?

**I do.**

Do you desire now to be received by this presbytery as a candidate for the ministry of the Word and Sacrament in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)?

**I do.**

## CHARGE

The moderator addresses the candidate:

*1 Tim. 4:7b–12*

Train yourself in godliness, for, while physical training is of some value, godliness is valuable in every way, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance. For to this end we toil and struggle, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Savior of all people, especially of those who believe. These are the things you must insist on and teach. Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity.

## PRAYER

The moderator continues:

Let us pray:

God of prophets and apostles,  
you have chosen leaders to train your people  
in the way of Jesus Christ.

We thank you that in our day  
you are still claiming men and women  
for special work within the church.

As N. has dedicated *himself/herself* to you,  
let us pledge ourselves to *him/her*,  
so that, surrounded by affection and hope,  
*he/she* may grow in wisdom,  
mature in love,  
and become a faithful worker,  
approved by Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**