PROPOSED ORDER FOR
THE ORGANIZATION OF A NEW CHURCH

The organization of a church is described in the Book of Church Order (Chapter 1, Part II, Article 7, Sections 11 and 22) and shall follow the procedures therein stated. A meeting of the classis shall be duly called and the president or other officer shall preside.

“The classis, in forming new churches, shall appoint a committee to meet with those persons who desire to be organized into a church. The committee shall act as a board of elders in receiving members on confession, reaffirmation, or certificate. Notice of the time and place of the proposed organization, and of the election of elders and deacons, shall be published for three Sundays in the church or usual place of worship. The ordination of elders and deacons shall follow the regular procedure.” (Book of Church Order, Chapter 1, Part II, Article 7, Section 11).

Prior to the day of organization, the classis, acting as a board of elders, shall meet with all those seeking to form the congregation by making a profession of faith (those who come for baptism, those previously baptized making an initial profession, those reaffirming faith, and those with a satisfactory certificate from another Christian congregation) using the “Order for Profession of Faith,” Part 1: Before the Elders. All candidates will be publicly received in the service for organization.

This service includes the orders for Profession of Faith, Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders, and Installation a Minister of Word and Sacrament. The developing congregation will have elected persons to be ordained and installed as elders and deacons. This emerging consistory shall have ascertained the mind of the congregation prior to seeking classis approval for a call to a minister of Word and sacrament.

After the prayer for blessing on the Word, the presiding classis officer continues:

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Friends in Christ,
the Son of God through Spirit and Word,
gathers, protects and preserves the Church
chosen for eternal life, united in true faith.
Believers, one and all,
together in community,
share in Christ and
in all God’s treasures and gifts.

We are gathered in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
and under the authority of the Reformed Church in America
to organize a new church.
On the ______ day of ______________,
the Classis of N____________ approved the petition
of this worshiping congregation
to establish a church in this place.

Will the members and delegates of the classis please rise?

Do you, the Classis of N____________ ,
consent to the organization of this new church?

We do.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ
and by the authority of the Classis of N____________.
I declare that a church of the Reformed Church in America
is now to be established in this place.

ORDER FOR PROFESSION OF FAITH

PREPARATION AND PRESENTATION
Hear the words of our Lord Jesus Christ:
All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.
Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father
and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit,
and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.
And remember, I am with you always,
to the end of the age.

Matthew 28:18-20

Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s promises to this covenant people.
In baptism God promises by grace alone:
to forgive our sins,
to adopt us into the Body of Christ, the Church,
to send the Holy Spirit daily to renew and cleanse us, and
to resurrect us to eternal life.
This promise is made visible in the water of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font at this time.

Water cleanses,
purifies,
refreshes,
sustains;
Jesus Christ is living water.

Through baptism Christ calls us to new obedience:
to love and trust God completely,
to forsake the evil of the world,
and to live a new and holy life.
Yet, when we fall into sin,
we must not despair of God’s mercy,
nor continue in sin,
for baptism is the sign and seal of God’s eternal covenant of grace with us.

A representative of the classis shall present all the candidates for baptism and profession of faith (those making initial profession, those reaffirming, and those transferring from other Christian churches) who will constitute the new congregation, using the following statements as appropriate; candidates shall come forward as their names are read.

The Classis of N__________________ has welcomed these persons who appeared before them and made profession of their Christian faith.

Naming all candidates for baptism and initial profession of faith:

NN/s (using full names) come before us
to make public this profession of faith
and to receive the sacrament of baptism;

Naming all baptized persons, including those making initial profession of faith, those reaffirming faith, and those transferring membership from another congregation:

NN/s (using full names) have been baptized into the body of Christ.
In making public this profession of faith
ey affirm the meaning of their baptism.

If it is the congregation’s desire to note the congregations from which transferring members are being received,
We ask them now to declare their faith before God and Christ’s church, that we may rejoice together and welcome them as brothers and sisters in Christ.

_Beloved of God,_

_I ask you before God and Christ’s church_  
_to reject evil,  
_to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and  
_to confess the faith of the church._

_Do you renounce sin and the power of evil  
in your life and in the world?_  

_I renounce them._

_Who is your Lord and Savior?_  

_Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior._

_Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and, through worship and service, seek to advance God’s purposes here and throughout the world?_  

_I will, and I ask God to help me._

_If children of those being received are also to be baptized, the minister asks the parents:_

_Will you promise  
to instruct these children  
in the truth of God’s word,  
in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ;  
to pray for them,  
to teach them to pray; and  
to train them in Christ’s way  
by your example,  
through worship, and  
in the nurture of the church?_  

_I will, and I ask God to help me._

_The minister continues, addressing all candidates:_

_Do you promise to love, encourage, and support one another  
by teaching the gospel of God’s love,  
by being an example of Christian faith and character, and  
by giving the strong support of God’s family  
in fellowship, prayer, and service?_  

_We do._

_Do you promise to accept the spiritual guidance of the church,  
to walk in a spirit of Christian love with this congregation, and  
to seek those things that make for unity, purity, and peace?_  

_We do._
The congregation and the candidates shall join in confessing the faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed. The questions may be omitted.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen. 

The congregation may be seated; the minister continues. If baptism is not to be celebrated, proceed to the BLESSING AND WELCOME.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
We give you thanks,
O holy and gracious God,
for the gift of water.

In the beginning of creation your Spirit moved over the waters.
In the waters of the flood you destroyed evil.
You led the children of Israel through the sea
into the freedom of the promised land.
In the river Jordan, John baptized our Lord
and your Spirit anointed him.
By his death and resurrection
Jesus Christ, the Living Water,
frees us from sin and death
and opens the way to life everlasting.

We thank you, O God, for the gift of baptism.
In this water you confirm to us that we are buried with Christ in his death,
raised to share in his resurrection, and are being renewed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Pour out on us your Holy Spirit,
so that those here baptized
may be washed clean and receive new life.

To you be all honor and glory, dominion and power,
now and forever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

If children are to receive baptism, the minister may ask the parents of each child:

What is the name of this child?

The parents shall give the Christian name; the minister may hold infants or small children, addressing each:

N (use Christian names, omit surname),
for you Jesus came into the world;
for you he died and conquered death;
all this he did for you, little one,
though you know nothing of it as yet.
We love because God first loved us.

The baptismal covenant shall be repeated for each person receiving baptism. Using Christian names, omitting surname, the minister shall immerse, pour, or sprinkle water visibly and generously on each, saying:

N (use Christian names, omit surname), I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,

The minister may mark the sign of the cross on the forehead, saying to each:

N (use Christian names, omit surname), child of the covenant,
in baptism, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit and
marked as Christ’s own forever. Amen.

When all have been baptized, the minister may make the following declaration:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the only King and Head of the Church,
these children of God are now
received into the visible membership of the holy catholic church,
engaged to confess the faith of Christ, and
to be God’s faithful servants until life’s end.

BLESSING AND WELCOME

The minister and all classis representatives may continue by laying hands on the heads of all those being received, offering the prayer for blessing.

Defend, O Lord, these your servants,
with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours forever, and
daily increase in your Spirit more and more,
until they come to your eternal kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The classis remains standing, the presiding classis officer continues:

By the Holy Spirit all who believe and are baptized receive a ministry
to witness to Jesus as Savior and Lord, and
to love and serve those with whom they live and work.
We are ambassadors for Christ,
who reconciles and makes whole.
We are the salt of the earth;
we are the light of the world.
Welcome our brothers and sisters in Christ.

The classis responds:

Joyfully we receive you.
Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news,
for we are all one in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia.

The presiding classis officer continues:

In the name and by the authority of the Classis of N________________
I now declare that these persons, here present,
are a duly organized church of Jesus Christ
under the care of the Classis of N________________
of the Reformed Church in America,
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Thanks be to God.

ORDER FOR THE ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS AND ELDERS

The ecclesiastical duties of elders and deacons are set forth in the Book of Church Order (Chapter 1, Part I, Article 1, Sections 8 and 10). These shall be made known to the congregation prior to election to office.

Elders and deacons may be reelected, but shall not be reordained. When reelected the following order shall be used as an installation.

Following a hymn, the minister of the developing congregation shall begin:

PRESENTATION

Friends in Christ,
we are here to ordain and install elders and deacons
in Christ’s holy church.
Christ alone is the source of all Christian ministry,
through the ages calling men and women to serve.

Following Christ’s resurrection and ascension,
God has given the church
apostles, prophets, and teachers,
deeds of power, gifts of healing,
forms of assistance and leadership.

We stand within a tradition
where God calls and empowers
deacons, elders, and ministers of Word and sacrament.
As these three offices are united in Christ,
so also in the church, one office is not separate from the others.
The minister of Word and sacrament does not serve without the elder
and neither without the deacon.  
Together they enable the whole mission of the church.

The minister invites the candidates forward, saying:

This congregation has elected the following people
to the offices of deacon and elder:

NN/s (using full names)
to be ordained and installed to the Office of Deacon:
NN/s ____________________________.
to be ordained and installed to the Office of Elder;

NN/s__________________________________________,
to be installed as deacon;
and NN/s__________________________________________,
to be installed as elder.

The candidates shall remain standing, the presiding officer continues:

Do you, the members of the N___________________Reformed Church,
confirm that these people shall be ordained and installed
to the offices of elder and of deacon in this church?

We do.

Deacons and elders are called to serve as Christ served.
We look to them to be people of
spiritual commitment, exemplary life,
compassionate spirit, and sound judgment.

Deacons are set apart
for a ministry of
mercy, service, and outreach.
They gather gifts and offerings,
care for them faithfully, and
distribute them with wisdom and compassion
to persons in need and
for purposes that advance God’s kingdom on earth.
Deacons visit and comfort the distressed,
provide for whatever necessities may arise, and
assist the congregation at services of worship.

Elders are set apart
for a ministry of watchful and responsible care
for the welfare and order of the church.
They have oversight of all members,
including one another, the deacons, and the ministers,
equipping everyone to live in harmony with God’s Word.
They ensure the Word of God
is rightly proclaimed and taught, and
the sacraments faithfully administered.
Elders assist the minister/s with their good counsel; and
serve all Christians
with advice, consolation, and encouragement.

Elders and deacons, together with the minister/s,
form the consistory
to lead God’s people in proclaiming
good news to the poor,
righteousness to the nations, and
peace among all.
The consistory provides for the welfare of the church,
stewardship of property and finance, and
the spiritual benefit and growth of all Christ’s people.

As the three offices of deacon, elder, and minister of Word and sacrament,
are united in Christ,
so also in the church one office is not separate from the others.
The minister of Word and sacrament does not serve without the elder
and neither without the deacon.9
Together they enable the whole mission of the church.

Everything in the church will be done decently and in order
when faithful persons are called to office, and responsibly fulfill their charge.

_The presiding minister addresses the deacons- and elders-elect:_

_Brothers and sisters, _before almighty God, and in the presence of this congregation, answer sincerely these questions:

Do you confess together with us and the church throughout the ages your faith in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

**Yes, truly, with all my heart.**

Do you believe in your heart that you are called by Christ’s church, and therefore by God, to this office?

**Yes, truly, with all my heart.**

Do you believe the books of the Old and New Testaments to be the Word of God and the perfect doctrine of salvation, rejecting all contrary beliefs?

**Yes, truly, with all my heart.**

Will you be diligent in your study of Holy Scripture and in your use of the means of grace?

Will you pray for God’s people and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

**I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Will you accept the church’s order and governance, submitting to ecclesiastical discipline should you become delinquent in either life or doctrine?

**I will, and I ask God to help me.**

Will you be loyal to the witness and work of the Reformed Church in America, using all your abilities to further its Christian mission here and throughout the world?

**I will, and I ask God to help me.**

_The presiding minister shall address the candidates for the office of deacon:_

As deacons, will you faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully manifest Christ’s love and care, gather and distribute the offerings of God’s people, visit and comfort the distressed, minister to the poor and needy, and strive to advance God’s reign of justice and peace?

**I will, and I ask God to help me.**

_The presiding minister shall address the candidates for the office of elder:_

As elders, will you faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully study God’s Word, oversee the household of faith, encourage spiritual growth,
maintain loving discipline, and
provide for the proclamation of the gospel and
the celebration of the sacraments?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

ORDINATION

Those who are to be ordained shall kneel individually before the presiding minister for the laying on of hands. All present who have been ordained to office may join in the laying on of hands. When all have come forward and are in place, the presiding minister shall continue:

Let us pray.

God of grace,
pour out your Holy Spirit
gentle as a dove, burning as fire,
upon N (using Christian name only) ____________________________
and fill her/him with grace and power
for this ministry of deacon/elder
in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

When all ordinands have received prayer with the laying on of hands, the presiding minister continues:

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,
the only head of the church,
I declare that NNs (using full names) ____________________________
are ordained to the office of Deacon and
NNs ____________________________
are ordained to the office of Elder.

INSTALLATION

Those who participated in the laying on of hands extend the right hand of fellowship to the new elders and deacons before returning to their places. All elders and deacons being installed face the congregation, the presiding minister continues:

Elders N/s (using Christian names),
and deacons N/s ____________________________
be faithful in performing your duties,
magnify the One who has called you to these high and holy offices,
be zealous for the church of Christ,
hospitable, prudent, upright,
devout, and self-controlled.
Love goodness,
holding always to the mystery of the faith.

The presiding minister addresses the congregation:

Members of N _______________________ Church,
please rise to affirm your covenant
with the elders and deacons
whom God has given us.

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ,
do you receive in the name of the Lord,
these deacons and elders
as duly elected and ordained servants of Christ?

We do.
Do you promise to respect them
for the sake of the offices
for which they have been chosen and ordained?

We do.

Do you promise to encourage and pray for them,
to labor together in obedience to the gospel
   for the unity, purity, and peace of the church,
   the welfare of the whole world, and
   the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ?

We do.

Beloved people of God,
   receive these deacons and elders as Christ’s own servants.
   Support them in love, that their work may bear fruit.

In the name and by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ,
I declare that these brothers and sisters
are duly installed deacons and elders in this church.

Thanks be to God.

ORDER FOR INSTALLATION OF A MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT

The Book of Church Order (Chapter 1, Part II, Article 2, Section 2) directs that after a call to a minister of Word
and sacrament to the pastorate of a church has been approved by the classis and accepted by the minister, the
classis shall install the minister of Word and sacrament according to the order for installation in the Liturgy.

A hymn may be sung. The classis presiding officer continues:

PRESENTATION

Friends in Christ,
we are here to install a minister of Word and sacrament
in Christ’s holy church.

A representative of the congregation says:

N__________ Church of the Reformed Church in America,
with the guidance of the Holy Spirit,
has prepared to call NN (using full name)
to be its pastor and teacher.

The presiding officer addresses the newly-installed elders and deacons:

Do you, the newly-installed consistory
of N________________Reformed Church,
confirm this call?

We do.

The presiding officer continues:

The Classis of N__________,
has approved the call to NN (using full name)
to be pastor and teacher of this church.

We invite you to come forward, N (Christian name only),
as a sign that you accept this call.
Ministers are called to build up Christ’s church.

They are to proclaim God’s Word,
to declare forgiveness through Jesus Christ,
to call publicly on the name of the Lord
on behalf of the whole congregation,
to celebrate Christ’s holy sacraments,
baptizing and presiding at the Lord’s Supper.

They are to be pastors and teachers,
sharing people’s joys and sorrows,
encouraging the faithful, recalling those who fall away,
helping the sick and the dying.

N____________________, you are here to be
received into this classis and
installed into the new ministry of this call.
So all may know you are both willing and able
to accept this call to ministry in Christ’s church,
the classis asks you to reaffirm the vows you made
at your ordination as a minister of Word and sacrament:

Do you confess together with us and the church throughout all ages
your faith in one God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Do you believe in your heart that you are called by Christ’s church,
and therefore by God, to this ministry of Word and sacrament?

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Do you believe the books of the Old and New Testaments
to be the Word of God and the perfect doctrine of salvation,
rejecting all contrary beliefs?

Yes, truly, with all my heart.

Will you proclaim the gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ;
upholding the witness of Holy Scripture against all schisms and heresies?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be diligent in your study of Holy Scripture and
in your use of the means of grace?
Will you pray for God’s people and
lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you accept the church’s order and governance,
submitting to ecclesiastical discipline
should you become delinquent in either life or doctrine?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you be loyal to the witness and work
of the Reformed Church in America,
using all your abilities to further its Christian mission
here and throughout the world?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

Will you strive to fulfill faithfully, diligently, and cheerfully, all the duties of a minister of Christ:
- to preach the Word of God in sincerity,
- to administer the sacraments in purity,
- to maintain proper discipline in the household of God, and
- to shepherd the flock faithfully?

I will, and I ask God to help me.

*If the minister is already a member of the classis, continue at the INSTALLATION.*

RECEPTION INTO CLASSIS

N_______________________, will you publicly declare your commitment to Christian ministry among us?

*The candidate shall respond by reading aloud the Form of the Declaration for Ministers. The congregation will stand for the reading and signing of the formulary.*

In the name of our Lord, welcome to N_______________________ Classis. We pledge our support, affection, and prayers while you live and work among us as a servant and minister of the Word of God.

*The congregation may be seated while classis members and delegates extend the right hand of fellowship to the new member, then return to their places.*

INSTALLATION

*The person designated by the classis shall deliver the charge to the minister. The charge that follows shall be read. Additional brief counsel, if authorized by the classis, may be made before it.*

Beloved servant in Christ, be attentive to yourself and to all the flock given to your care by the Holy Spirit. Love Christ: feed his lambs, tend his sheep. Be an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to reading, prayer, study, preaching, and teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you. Put these things into practice, devote yourself to them, so that all may see your progress. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; continue in these things, for in doing this you will save both yourself and your hearers.

N_______________, guard what has been entrusted to you. And when the chief shepherd appears, you will win the crown of glory that never fades away.

*The presiding officer shall continue.*

Will all the members of N_______________________ Church rise to affirm their covenant with the minister
whom God has given them?

Beloved in the Lord Jesus Christ,
do you receive in the name of the Lord,
this servant N________________
to be your pastor and teacher?

We do.

Do you promise to receive with meekness and love
the word of truth he/she proclaims?

We do.

Do you promise to
honor her/his authority,
welcome her/his pastoral care,
and follow as s/he guides you
in serving Jesus Christ,
the only head of the church?

We do.

Do you promise to encourage and pray for him/her;
to labor together in obedience to the gospel
for the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the unity, purity, and peace of the church, and
the welfare of the whole world?

We do.

Do you promise him/her
such financial and personal support
that he/she shall serve among you
with joy and not with grief
as long as you covenant together?

We do.

*The person designated by the classis shall deliver the charge to the congregation. The charge that follows shall be read. Additional brief counsel, if authorized by the classis, may be made before it.*

Beloved people of God,
receive with joy your minister in the Lord.
Remember God speaks to you through him/her.
Receive the word s/he shall preach to you
as it is in truth, the Word of God.
Respect those who labor among you,
esteem them highly in love
because of their work.
Let those who preach the gospel of peace,
bringing good news and announcing salvation,
be beautiful and pleasant to you.

*The presiding officer shall continue*

In the name and by the authority
of the Classis of N________________,
I now declare that the pastoral relationship
between the Reverend NN*(using full name)*
and the N_________________ Church
is fully constituted, and that
the Reverend \( NN \______________ \)
is a duly installed pastor and teacher of this church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION with THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Almighty and ever-loving God,

you taught us to pray
for ourselves and for others,
and to give thanks for all of life.

May every grace of ministry rest on \( N\______________ \),
keep \( her/him \) strong and faithful,
may \( s/he \) herald the joy of your kingdom,
serving rather than being served.

May every grace of ministry rest on these elders and deacons,
keep them strong and faithful,
that your church may prosper in peace.
Grant them wisdom, courage, discretion, and benevolence,
that they may fulfill their charge
to the glory of Jesus Christ.

Give your grace to this congregation,
that they may support these deacons and elders
with prayer, cooperation, and encouragement,
to guard them from growing weary in doing what is right.*

May your grace strengthen all your people
as they labor together;
preserve them in peace, and
enlighten them through your Word.

Inspire your whole church
with your Spirit of power, unity, and peace.
Grant that all who trust you
may live together in love.

Lead all nations in the way of justice.
Direct those who govern;
that they be fair, maintain order,
support those in need, defend the oppressed,
that the world may know true peace.

Give grace to all who proclaim the gospel
through Word and sacrament and deeds of mercy,
that by teaching and example
others may come to live for you.

Comfort and deliver, O Lord,
all who are in trouble . . .
sorrow . . . poverty . . . sickness . . . grief . . .
Heal them in body, mind, spirit, or circumstance,
working in them, by your grace,
wonders beyond their dreams and hopes,
through Jesus Christ our Savior,
who taught us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven,**
  **hallowed be your name,**
  **your kingdom come,**
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.¹

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper shall be celebrated; the newly-installed minister shall preside. The communion elements may be presented at this time with the offering. The service will conclude with a Hymn of Thanksgiving and the Benediction given by the newly-installed minister.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF A NEW CHURCH

THE APPROACH TO GOD
Votum
Sentences
Salutation
Hymn
Prayer of Confession
Assurance of Pardon
The Law of God
Acclamation of Praise

THE WORD OF GOD
Prayer for Illumination
Lesson
Sermon
Prayer for Blessing on the Word
Order for the Organization of a New Church
Statement of Purpose
Preparation and Presentation
The Baptismal Covenant
Blessing and Welcome
Hymn of Thanksgiving
Order for the Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders
Presentation
Ordination
Response to Ordination
Hymn of Thanksgiving
Order for Installation of a Minister of Word and Sacrament
Presentation
Reception into Classis, if needed
Installation
Prayers of Intercession with the Lord’s Prayer
The Peace
Offering
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

THE RESPONSE TO GOD
Hymn of Thanksgiving after Communion
Benediction

¹ Liturgy and Psalms, 1968, with adaptations.
2 Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 54-55

3 “Provisional Order for Profession of Faith,” 1999

4 The English translation of the Apostles’ Creed prepared by the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC), 1988. This text was commended for use in the Reformed Church in America by the 1997 General Synod.

5 Belgic Confession, Articles 33 and 34.

6 “Provisional Order for the Ordination and Installation of Deacons and Elders,” 1999, with adaptations


8 See BCO Preamble, “The particular ministries of those who hold office arise out of this common ministry [to announce the good news of his Saviorhood and extend his Lordship throughout the world] in order to serve it.”

9 Liturgy 1968

10 “Provisional Order for Installation and Reception into Classis of a Minister of Word and Sacrament,” 1998

11 Galatians 6:9; 1 Thessalonians 3:13

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