

***WELCOME SERVICE***

***date***

***at (location)***

**To welcome:**

Rev. xxxx as Circuit Minister

*or*

Rev. xxxx as Superintendent Minister

**Preacher – xxxx**

**Leader - xxxx**

The newly appointed minister/superintendent minister may reply briefly, in his/her own words and/or as follows:

 I thank you for your welcome,

 I will work with you and pray for you.

Prayers for xxxx as they take up their roles in this Circuit

Praise & Worship – led by xxxx

Offering – Song to be sung at this time.

Dedication of Offering

Bible Readings: xxxx

 xxxx

Sermon Rev. xxxx

Hymn

Closing Prayer/Benediction

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hymn/Song

Prayer (followed by Lord’s Prayer)

**OFFICIAL WELCOME – by Rev. xxxx**

Welcoming xxxx as Circuit Minister/Rev xxxx as Superintendent Minister.

All stand

The presiding minister says to the people:

Sisters and brothers, I present to you Rev. xxxx whom the Conference has appointed to serve in this Circuit.

The presiding minister says to the newly-appointed presbyter for presbyteral ministry:

 **xxxx,** will you hold before us

 the story of God’s love and mercy,

 above all, the Gospel of our Saviour Jesus Christ,

and will you be among us

as one who preaches the word of God,

administers Baptism,

presides at the Lord’s Supper,

teaches the faith

and cares for the flock?

Answer: I will.

 I will ask God to help me,

 and I invite you all to join with me

 in proclaiming the Gospel of life and hope.

 **Through Christ, we have Good News to share.**

Will you hold before us

 God’s call to holy living

and be among us

 as one who awakens the careless

 and strengthens the faithful?

Answer: I will.

 I ask God to help me,

 and I invite you all to join with me

 in commitment to the way of Christ.

 **May we reveal Christ’s way**

 **through our words and example.**

 Will you hold before us

 God’s commitment to human community,

 to our neighbourhoods

 and all who live within them,

 and to the world that God has made?

Answer: I will.

 I ask God to help me,

 And I invite you all to join with me

 In sharing God’s all-embracing love.

 **May we respond to Christ in all we meet.**

The presiding minister says to the new Superintendent Minister:

 **xxxx,** to you is committed the responsibility

 for the life and work of this Circuit.

 Will you, with your colleagues, lay and ordained,

 care for its people,

 inspire its witness

and watch over its life

 in the name of Christ?

The new Superintendent replies:

 I will, and I ask God to help me.

A Circuit Steward (name) says to the people:

 Sisters and brothers,

 will you welcome xxxx

 and will you offer them

 your friendship, support and prayers

 as we join together in the work

 to which God has called us?

 **With God’s help, we will.**

Welcomes will then be given by:

 Xxxx - Circuit Steward

 Church Stewards from:

 xxxx