

INSTALLATION

OF

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Call to Worship	Rev. Russ Fairbanks
Tithes and Offerings	"Celebration of Praise"
Ministry of Special Music	Lucy Throckmorton
Message	Dr. Larry R. Fairbanks
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CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

PART I: INTRODUCTION . . . District Superintendent Dr. Larry Fairbanks

For 20 centuries now, in every generation, the church has set aside some of her members for special training and preparation, ordaining them to serve as clergy. She elects them to positions of responsibility, not privilege. They are to serve the needs of the church. These ministers give up their lives, so to speak, for their lives are not their own. They serve if, and when, and where, and in the capacities that the church invites them to serve. They are the servants of God. The early church referred to them with words which meant "table waiter", "under rower" (oarsman in a large ship), "slave", "priestly servant", and "shepherd." Today the minister is seen as Pastor, Leader and one who casts the vision. The Church ordains only those whom it believes God has called to such service.

Superintendent to Pastor: Will you accept the charge to be the spiritual leader of this flock?

Pastor: I will.

Superintendent to congregation: Will you, the members of this church accept, support, and uphold your pastor as he leads you?

Congregation: We will.

BIOGRAPHY OF PASTOR FAIRBANKS

Reverend Larry R. Fairbanks, Jr. (Russ) was born May 31, 1975 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania to Dr. & Mrs. Larry R. Fairbanks, Sr. He lived in three different states before graduating from Hixson High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Russ graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Marketing and Management and is currently working on a Master of Ministry program at MVNU.

Russ has served as a youth pastor on the Northwestern Ohio District in Marysville, Lima Community, and also at Mount Sterling. He was on the District NYI Council for 7 years, serving as NYI President for 2 years. He directed three summer camps and BLAST.

Mrs. Kelly Fairbanks was born to Rev. and Mrs. Michael Dunson on May 30, 1980. She is a graduate of Kentucky Mountain Bible College, and she is currently working on a degree in nursing at Columbus, State. Russ and Kelly were married August 18, 2001.

PHILOSOPHY OF MINISTRY

"A never changing gospel for an ever changing world." I desire to see lives changed forever by the incredible love of Christ. A never changing gospel for an ever-changing world means that we find the ways to reach our generation and do whatever it takes to reach them. I want to be a pastor at a church that holds to the never changing Word of God and the holiness it speaks of, but is free enough to share it in a way that meets people where they are today.

Leader: Will you receive the pastor's family as members of our family of faith, and love and pray for them as our own?

People: This we will do with God's help.

Leader: Will you give sacrificially of your means so that this pastor can be relieved of the temporal cares of this life and thus be able to give full attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word?

People: This we will do with God's help.

Leader: Will you respond to pastoral leadership by vigorous participation in the congregational life of this church as it carries out its four-fold mission of worship, evangelism, education, and fellowship?

People: This we will do with God's help.

Congregation seated.

PART III: THE PASTOR'S COVENANT

In response to the gracious call of God, and in gratitude for the confidence you have expressed in me, I receive these symbols of pastoral leadership.

I pledge to you a stewardship of these resources, and covenant with you to make ours a living, efficient church:

...a church in which sermon and sacrament are based strongly on the Word and vitalized with the dynamic presence of the Holy Spirit.

...a church with the atmospheric expectation of conversions;

...a church where the tempted are surrounded with victory;

...a church where the redeemed are enabled to see their larger need of Christ in cleansing fullness;

...a church where the particular consolations of God are given to the afflicted;

...a church where Christian men and women begin even on earth to be an authentic Christian community;

...a church which constantly witnesses to the whole world with sacrifice in its heart and conquest in its purpose.

I pledge to you a stewardship of my responsibilities as pastor:

...to live before you with integrity and Christian simplicity;

...to live responsibly my roles as husband and father, giving to my family the care and love due them as gifts of God to me;

...to responsibly administer the affairs of the church in consultation and cooperation with the church board, the church staff, and the people of the congregation as we carry out "the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ..."

to lead you in worship as a worshipping leader, developing a careful regimen of study, prayer, reflection, and preparation, for the purposes of personal growth and ministry;

...to encourage you, comfort you, instruct and challenge you, by the preaching of the Word and the administration of the sacraments;

...to seek always and in all appropriate ways to expand the borders of the Kingdom of God, cooperating with the District and General Church of the Nazarene in fulfilling a world-wide agenda;

...to listen carefully to you, care deeply for you, work closely with you, and pray daily for you, that we may "grow up in all things unto Him who is the head--Christ";

...to be a servant-leader, after the example of Christ.

PART IV: CHARGE TO PASTOR AND CHURCH

Superintendent Fairbanks to Pastor:

Having committed yourself to this work, I charge you to care alike for the young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words and by your life proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Superintendent Fairbanks to the Congregation

Since you have willingly and prayerfully called your pastor to work among you, I charge you to willingly and prayerfully support, cooperate, and work together with him in the name of Jesus Christ whom you both serve.