

**PRESBYTERY OF REDSTONE**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

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**COMMISSIONS**

to

**ORDAIN AND/OR INSTALL**

The following guidelines and requirements have been adopted by the Presbytery of Redstone to aid new pastors and churches in the establishment of Presbytery commissions to ordain and/or install Ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

1. All ordinations and/or installation services of Ministers of the Word and Sacrament are conducted by the Presbytery of Redstone. The minister and session shall select the date and time. When a date for this service is established, and participants are chosen, the plans must be submitted to the Committee on Ministry in order to be recommended to and approved by the presbytery.
2. The Moderator of the Presbytery of Redstone, or his or her designee, will preside at the service by giving the Call to Worship and by propounding the constitutional questions. It is strongly urged that the Moderator be contacted first for availability.
3. The commission must consist of at least five ministers and elders (three ministers and two elders, or two ministers and three elders). No two elders may be from the same church. The persons on the commission do not necessarily have to participate in the service itself, although an elder from the church in which the pastor is being installed shall present the candidate and ask the constitutional questions of the congregation. If the minister is being installed in more than one church, the questions must be asked by an elder from each church and answered separately by the members of each church. The Charge to the Minister and the Charge to the Congregation are ordinarily given by members of Redstone Presbytery.
4. Participants from outside the presbytery are permitted. They are not official members of the commission but shall be reported to the Committee on Ministry for approval.
5. The commission should reflect inclusiveness and representation.
6. An offering is to be received at all ordinations and/or installation services. This offering is to be forwarded to the Presbytery of Redstone for the "Ministerial Student Support Fund."
7. A typical order of worship might be as follows:

Call to Worship  
Hymn  
Prayers  
Scripture Lessons  
Sermon  
Ordination/Installation  
    Constitutional Questions  
    Prayer  
    Declaration of Installation  
    Charge to Pastor  
    Charge to the Congregation (Installations)  
Hymn  
Benediction - by the pastor being Ordained/Installed

Please fill out the attached form and mail it to the Stated Clerk, Redstone Presbytery Office. The Stated Clerk will provide copies to the COM Chairperson.