

# Installation of a Pastor

## **PRESENTATION** (*stand as you are able*)

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*Presider, Rev. Julio Romero:*

Having been authorized by the church to install Barton Coleman, our co-worker in the gospel, as pastor, I now ask for certification of this call.

*Council Chair, Sinikka Speck:*

After prayerful deliberation, we of St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Welland Ontario, have called the Reverend Barton Shaw Coleman to serve as a minister of word and sacrament in the position of pastor.

I present Pastor Bart and this letter certifying the call.

## **ADDRESS AND QUESTIONS**

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*Presider:* A reading from John: Jesus said, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you. Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."  
(John 20:21-23)

A reading from Matthew: Jesus said, "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)

A reading from First Timothy: Set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Attend to the public reading of scripture, to exhorting, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you through prophecy with the laying on of hands

by the council of elders. 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. (1 Timothy 4:12-16)

*Presider:* Pastor Bart, in the presence of this assembly will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God through the call of the church?

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

*Presider:* Will you preach and teach in accordance with the holy scriptures and with the confessions of the Lutheran church? Will you carry out this ministry in harmony with the constitutions of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada?

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

*Presider:* Will you be diligent in your study of the holy scriptures and faithful in your use of the means of grace?

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

*Presider:* Trusting in God's care, will you love, serve, and pray for God's people, nourish them with the word and sacraments, and lead them by your own example in faithful service and holy living?

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

*Presider:* Will you give faithful witness in the world, that God's love may be known in all that you do?

*Response:* I will and I ask God to help me.

*Presider:* Almighty God, who has given you the will to do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. **Amen.**

*The assembly stands.*

*Presider Addresses the assembly:*

People of God, will you receive Pastor Bart as a messenger of Jesus Christ sent to serve all people with the gospel of hope and salvation?

Will you regard Pastor Bart as a servant of Christ and a steward of the mysteries of God?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

Will you pray for Pastor Bart and his wife, Sharon?

Will you help and honour them in carrying out this ministry?

In all things, will you strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

**We will, and we ask God to help us.**

*Presider:* Pastor Bart, the office of pastor is now committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **BLESSING**

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*Presider:* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do God's will, working in you that which is pleasing in God's sight; through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. **Amen.**

*The presiding minister escorts the pastor to the place of baptism.*

A representative of the congregation says:

**You have been called to be among us to baptize, to teach, and to forgive sins.**

*They proceed to the place of the word.*

A representative of the congregation says:

**You have been called to be among us to proclaim the good news.**

*They proceed to the place of the meal.*

A representative of the congregation says:

**You have been called to be among us to preside at the Lord's supper.**

*Presider:* People of God, I present to you Pastor Bart Coleman. Let us welcome him in the name of Christ.

*The service continues with the Prayers of Intercession.*

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