

Celebration of Candidacy

(as part of worship in Presbytery or Congregation)

Worship Leader:

We are a community called together to be God's people in the body of Christ. We are called to learn and grow in faith and understanding. God has given us each gifts to share for the fulfillment of the Church's mission to love and serve. (Candidate) has been recognized as a Candidate for Ordination/ Commissioning by the Bay of Quinte Conference in The United Church of Canada. We celebrate this step in the process toward becoming a Minister.

[Candidate invited to come to the front]

As members of _____ Presbytery (or _____ Congregation), we commit ourselves to support and encourage you, (Candidate), with our words, actions, and prayers, as you continue to study and grow. We trust that you will be guided and supported by the Conference Assessment Board, the Ministry Vocations Committee, and your Circle of Accompaniment. May God bless you as you continue on this journey.

Worship Leader:

Let us pray together:

Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks and praise for the gifts that (Candidate) brings for leadership in the Church. We look forward to sharing with her/him in this journey of faith and ministry. Empower and encourage us all to live in faithful response to the call you have given us. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Let us celebrate by singing "Halle, Halle, Halle" (VU #958)
(or some other celebratory hymn)