

Covenanting Liturgy for Supervised Ministry Education

(Between Student Minister _____, Pastoral Charge _____, and Educational Supervisor _____)

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 all gifts to share for the fulfillment of the Church's mission to love and serve. (Intern) has accepted the responsibility to lead and minister with the Pastoral Charge _____. This is part of the requirement for Ordination in The United Church of Canada. A learning Covenant has been established by _____(Intern), the Pastoral Charge, and _____(Educational Supervisor). At this time we would like to give everyone the opportunity to commit themselves to this process of learning and growth. _____(Student Minister), tell us about your learning goals as Student Minister with _____(Pastoral Charge).

Student Minister:

I want to . . . (brief summary of learning goals)
I covenant with this Pastoral Charge and with (Educational Supervisor), with God as my helper, to journey in faith toward my goals, to work with you and respect you as individuals and as a community of sisters and brothers in Christ, to be authentic in my ministry, open to learning, and receptive to your feedback.

Worship Leader:

Before God and this community, are you willing to enter into this Covenant?

Student Minister: I am, by the grace of God.

Worship Leader: (to Educational Supervisor) As Educational Supervisor, you have agreed to assist (Student Minister) in her/his learning goals. You have also set learning goals for yourself.

Supervisor:

I want to . . . (learning goals)

Worship Leader:

Before God and before this community, are you willing to enter into this Covenant?

Supervisor: I am, by the grace of God.

Worship Leader: (to Congregation, asking them to rise, as able) Ministry belongs not only to those who are set apart for Ordination or Commissioning, but to the whole people of God. For _____(Student Minister's) ministry to be successful here, (s)he will need your support, your trust, your participation, and your prayers. One part of that participation is through the Ministry Reflection Group, the members of which are:

_____(Student Minister) and _____(Pastoral Charge) are also accountable to _____ Presbytery through the Pastoral Charge Supervisor, who is _____.

Before God and one another, are you willing to enter into this Covenant? If so, respond by saying:
"We are, by the grace of God."

Signing of the Covenant

Worship Leader: Let us pray (in unison)
Gracious and loving God, we give you thanks and praise for this opportunity to welcome (Intern) as Ministry Intern in this community. We look forward to sharing with her/him in this part of her/his journey in 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.