

THE EXCHANGE OF COMMITMENTS

Marc McAlister:

Friends, I am here at the invitation of your church family for the induction of Rev. Brian Hornibrook as Lead pastor of this congregation. Inasmuch as this sacred act involves mutual obligations, I am asking you to unite in a covenant of dedication.

(The pastor will stand.)

My colleague in Christ, by the will of God and the appointment of The Free Methodist Church in Canada, you have been appointed to pastor this church family. In order to fulfil this calling, do you now promise to seek the help of God Father, Son and Holy Spirit and submit yourself to Him who is the Head of the Church? Do you promise to work faithfully and diligently in proclaiming the Gospel, both in word and deed?

Answer: I do so promise, the Lord being my helper. I believe with all my heart that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God, and accepting the Holy Scriptures as inspired of God through the Holy Spirit. It is my sincere desire to devote my life to the ministry of the Word of God, so as to bring credit and not dishonour to the Gospel which I preach, and to fulfil to my utmost ability the office of a good minister of Jesus Christ.

I believe that you, the congregation of Queensway Free Methodist Church, are the people among whom I am primarily intended by God to live, to serve as pastor and to lead in ministry. It is in this belief that I now affirm my acceptance of the Conference's appointment.

Marc McAlister:

Dear Friends, are you persuaded that Brian Hornibrook is the person whom God has brought into this time and place to pastor and lead your church family? Will you please indicate your positive reply by standing?

Delegate Charles Fletcher on behalf of the Chair of the Official Board:

Members and worshippers, let us affirm our commitment to our new pastor.

The Congregation:

We affirm our membership in the Church of Jesus Christ, renewing this day our vow of faithfulness to our Lord Jesus Christ and to His Church in our city and throughout the world. We believe that you are the person intended by God to pastor, and to lead us. In this belief, we now affirm your appointment as our pastor.

We solemnly covenant to share Christ's ministry with you. We will endeavour to be sensitive to you and your needs as our co-labourer in the work of Christ's Church. We want to assure you of our confidence, our encouragement, our patience, and our prayers. We promise our strong support to both you and your family.

Brian:

I promise to give myself, by the strength and grace of Jesus Christ our Lord, to be sensitive to your needs, singly, in families, or as a congregation. I shall endeavour to help you to grow toward Christian maturity, to stimulate you to love one another and serve one another, to share the fellowship and ministry of the wider Church of Christ in our city and throughout the world. I accept you, the people of this church, as my people.

The Congregation:

We accept you, Pastor Brian Hornibrook, as our pastor and the leader of our church family. Together we accept responsibility for our community.

Marc McAlister:

We who are here as fellow Christians and friends are witnesses of your responses and commitments to each other as pastor and congregation. As an expression of testimony, and to declare our joy and confidence in your coming together for the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to commit ourselves to supporting you in the mission we share, we stand with you.

(All others now stand for the Act of Induction)

Marc McAlister:

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, on behalf of The Free Methodist Church in Canada, I declare you

Brian Hornibrook

duly inducted and appointed as Lead pastor of this church and congregation. May the blessing of Almighty God be upon you!

(All remain standing for the Induction Prayer. Pastor Brian will kneel. Members of the church Board will stand behind Pastor Brian)

THE INDUCTION PRAYER

Judy Dow

THE INTRODUCTION OF THE NEW PASTOR

Charles Fletcher

A Service of Induction

for Rev. Brian Hornibrook

Sunday, October 18, 2020

10:00 A.M.

At

Queensway
Free Methodist Church
Niagara Falls, ON.