

Order for Baptist Ministry – Words of Commitment

**ALL: Seeking the enabling and strengthening of Christ by his Spirit,
we come to a *new or fresh* moment of commitment
to a way of life, prayer and community that embodies
the Dream of the Order for Baptist Ministry.
These are serious but joyful commitments, entered into freely,
aware that ‘the love of Christ compels us.’**

C. Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and your Lord,
and promise afresh to follow him as his disciple
within the love of God, the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit?

*R. Jesus Christ is my Saviour and Lord, and following him,
I give witness to his saving grace and constant faithfulness towards me.*

C. Do you freely enter into these commitments made today?

R. I do.

C. Will you live a life of prayer and discipleship that expresses the values and practices of the Order for Baptist Ministry, covenanting to maintain community in Christ?

And will you live according to a way of life that the Order offers as its distinctive contribution to following Jesus Christ as Lord?

*R. I commit to this way of life: fulfilling my baptismal vows,
confirming again my ordination and commissioning vows,
in covenant with Christ and my brothers and sisters, and relying upon the grace and strength
of Christ and walking together with members of this Order.*

C. Will you order your life so that walking together and watching over one another in cell and convocation are not neglected?

R. I will order my life in such a way so as to participate in cell and convocation.

C. Will you follow such practices of disciplined attention to your life in Christ supported by the daily office prayers of this Order as shall deepen your faith, nurture your soul and sustain your call?

R. I will, the Spirit enabling me.

C.2 Do you who have already made these commitments re-commit to them today?

R. We do

ALL. As you commit yourself to membership of the Order for Baptist Ministry, may God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you, enabling you to remain faithful to all that you have covenanted this day.