

## COMMITMENT

### COMMON VOWS OF ORDERED MINISTRY

*The president addresses all the candidates, ordinands, and transfers.*

In the presence of God and with this gathering you have declared in the words of the Apostles' (*or Nicene*) Creed those things most surely believed among us from the beginning. This is the faith on which you were examined. Being called to the ministry of the Evangelical Covenant Church, you will now have that call confirmed by prayer and the laying on of hands according to apostolic tradition, setting you apart as teachers, missionaries, ministers of the word, and shepherds of the flock. We also invite those whose ordinations are being transferred to declare in the presence of God and with your sisters and brothers your commitment to this trust and responsibility.

Do you believe in the Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and confess Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?

*I do.*

Do you believe the Bible to be the word of God and the only perfect rule for faith, doctrine, and conduct?

*I do.*

Do you believe that you are truly called by God and the church to serve in this office of ministry?

*I do.*

Will you be diligent in your reading and study of the Holy Scriptures, and seek the knowledge of those things that make you a stronger and more able minister of Jesus Christ?

*I will with the help of God.*

Will you seek to live in conformity with Christ and his teachings so that you may be a faithful witness to Christ crucified and risen and a wholesome example for all God's people in the way you speak and behave, and in your love, faith, and purity?

*I will with the help of God.*

Will you submit to the church's discipline, pledging your loyalty to the Evangelical Covenant Church and to its mission, and will you promise to follow the ethical principles for Covenant ministers in the governance of our common life?

*I will with the help of God.*

May the Lord who has given you the will to do these things give you the grace and power to perform them.

*Amen.*