

APPENDIX 14

ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE CONFERENCE AND OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN IRELAND.

The Installation of the President takes place, in the context of a service of worship, at the opening of the Representative Session of the Conference.

Before the act of installation the outgoing President has opportunity to address the Conference briefly, and the designation of the incoming President is then confirmed by a standing vote. The service then continues according to the following order.

THE INSTALLATION

The newly elected President, accompanied by two former Presidents and two bishops of the Church of Ireland, shall proceed to the sanctuary for the Ceremony of Installation.

HYMN (as chosen by the incoming President)

Reading: John 21: vs. 15-17 (Lay Leader)

Prayer of Consecration (*All stand*) (Outgoing President)

Almighty God, giver of all good things, by the Holy Spirit you have appointed different offices in your Church Send your Holy Spirit upon this your servant now called to be an episcopal minister in the office and ministry of the President of the Methodist Church in Ireland. So fill her/him with grace and the truth of your doctrine that, both by word and deed, he/she may faithfully serve you in this office, and use the authority given to her/him to the glory of your name and the encouragement of your Church, through the merits of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen.

The outgoing President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, placing the gown on the shoulders of her/his successor and presenting her/him with the Presidential Cross, shall say:

“The Lord clothe you with the Holy Spirit for the office and work now committed to you by the authority of the Church”.

He/she shall then hand a Bible to her/his successor and say:

“Think on the things contained in this Book. Be guided by its truth, that through this Word there may be increase in Christ’s Kingdom”.

The Service then continues as determined by the incoming President.