

Sample Installation Ceremony for Overseer

Introduction:

It has pleased God, through the leading of His Holy Spirit through the church to call _____ to serve as overseer of the _____ congregation.

Rosedale Network of Churches prescribes the following duties for an overseer:

1. Serving as pastor to the pastor.
2. Helping give vision to the congregation's life and ministry
3. Providing stability and counsel in times of leadership transition
4. Advising the leadership team and the congregation in times of difficulty
5. Serving as a link between the congregation and CMC

Questions:

[Candidate and wife stand and remain standing until after prayer]

Brother _____, are you willing to accept the call to serve as overseer of this congregation, to accept the responsibilities which this office requires, and to be faithful in working for the welfare of this congregation?

(I am.)

Sister _____, are you willing for your husband to accept this responsibility of overseer and to support him in it?

(I am.)

Congregational Response

As a congregation, you have called Brother _____ to serve as your overseer. Are you willing to support him in prayer, to be open to receive and give counsel, and walk together in brotherly love in behalf of the church and for God's glory? You may express your affirmative response by standing.

[After expressing support by standing, the congregation may remain standing.]

The Charge

Brother _____, in recognition of the congregation's call to you and your acceptance of the call, we hereby charge you with the responsibilities of overseer of _____. May the Lord grant you grace, wisdom, and love to faithfully discharge your responsibilities as overseer and to serve effectively for the welfare of the Pastor and the congregation.

Prayer

[With congregation standing]

Prayer lead by _____

[Congregation is seated]

The newly installed overseer and wife are greeted at this point by predesignated persons, including the pastoral team and elders and wives. The congregation is encouraged to move forward to greet the candidate and wife after a closing song and a closing prayer.