



INDUCTION

of

The Reverend Martin Hayward

To the Office of SYNOD CLERK

Through baptism, members of the Church are called to serve God in the world and to proclaim the love of Christ by the way they live. Some are called to responsibilities as ministers and elders, today, we are to induct Martin to serve in this synod as Synod Clerk.

NATURE, FAITH & ORDER OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

AFFIRMATIONS

Martin, do you accept this statement and confess again your faith in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit?

I do.

In dependence on God's grace do you reaffirm your trust in Jesus Christ as saviour and Lord and your promise to follow him and to seek to do and to bear his will all the days of your life?

I do.

Do you believe that the Word of God in the Old and New Testaments, discerned under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, is the supreme authority for the faith and conduct of all God's people?

I do.

Do you accept the office of synod clerk for the Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church and do you promise to perform its duties faithfully?

I do.

TO ALL MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN SYNOD

Members of Synod, do you accept and receive Martin to serve as synod clerk among you?

We do

Will you encourage and support him, and respond to his ministry acknowledging that it comes to you from God?

We will

Eternal God, you have called us all to serve you in the world and to share your love with each other and our neighbours. Through the decision of this synod, you have called Martin to serve us as Synod clerk. Give him the promised blessings of your Holy Spirit and fill him with fresh vision and courage, to lead us in the work you have called us to do. Make him wise with the mind of Christ, and give him the gifts he needs to fulfil this service faithfully, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF INDUCTION

Martin, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and according to the decision of the church meeting, I declare you to be inducted to serve as synod clerk, and welcome you into this office, in confirmation of which I give you the right hand of fellowship.

May the God of peace sanctify you entirely, and may your spirit, soul and body be kept sound and blameless.

The one who calls you is faithful and will do this.

RENEWAL OF COMMITMENT

And now let us confirm our commitment to each other and to the gospel. Let us pursue what makes for peace and build each other up in love.

ALL: We will grow together in humility, gentleness and patience;

we will nurture each other in faith;

we will bear with one another in love;

we will make every effort to maintain the unity of the Holy Spirit in the bond of peace,

so that we may faithfully proclaim the gospel of Christ.

The God of peace will make us complete in everything good.

To whom be glory for ever.

The Lord of peace will give us peace, at all times and everywhere.

The peace of the Lord is with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Eternal God, accept this commitment made in your presence, and give us grace to make it true, so that we may not fail you in the end, but give you glory and honour by the way we live and through everything we say and do, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**