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Call to Worship		Rev. Russ Fairbanks
Tithes and Offerings	"Celebration of Praise"	
Ministry of Special Music		Lucy Throckmorton
Message		Dr. Larry R. Fairbanks
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#### **CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION**

#### **PART I: INTRODUCTION** ... District Superintendent Dr. Larry Fairbanks

For 20 centuries now, in every generation, the church has set aside some of her members for special training and preparation, ordaining them to serve as clergy. She elects them to positions of responsibility, not privilege. They are to serve the needs of the church. These ministers give up their lives, so to speak, for their lives are not their own. They serve if, and when, and where, and in the capacities that the church invites them to serve. They are the servants of God. The early church referred to them with words which meant "table waiter", "under rower" (oarsman in a large ship), "slave", "priestly servant", and "shepherd." Today the minister is seen as Pastor, Leader and one who casts the vision. The Church ordains only those whom it believes God has called to such service.

*Superintendent to Pastor:* Will you accept the charge to be the spiritual leader of this flock?

Pastor: I will.

*Superintendent to congregation:* Will you, the members of this church accept, support, and uphold your pastor as he leads you?

Congregation: We will.

## **BIOGRAPHY OF PASTOR FAIRBANKS**

Reverend Larry R. Fairbanks, Jr. (Russ) was born May 31, 1975 in Pottstown, Pennsylvania to Dr. & Mrs. Larry R. Fairbanks, Sr. He lived in three different states before graduating from Hixson High School in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Russ graduated from Mount Vernon Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Arts in Business Marketing and Management and is currently working on a Master of Ministry program at MVNU.

Russ has served as a youth pastor on the Northwestern Ohio District in Marysville, Lima Community, and also at Mount Sterling. He was on the District NYI Council for 7 years, serving as NYI President for 2 years. He directed three summer camps and BLAST.

Mrs. Kelly Fairbanks was born to Rev. and Mrs. Michael Dunson on May 30, 1980. She is a graduate of Kentucky Mountain Bible College, and she is currently working on a degree in nursing at Columbus, State. Russ and Kelly were married August 18, 2001.

#### PHILOSOPY OF MINISTRY

"A never changing gospel for an ever changing world." I desire to see lives changed forever by the incredible love of Christ. A never changing gospel for an ever-changing world means that we find the ways to reach our generation and do whatever it takes to reach them. I want to be a pastor at a church that holds to the never changing Word of God and the holiness it speaks of, but is free enough to share it in a way that meets people where they are today.

#### PART V: MUTUAL COVENANT BETWEEN PASTOR AND PEOPLE

Pastor and people read in unison:

Congregation standing

We shall strive to cooperatively create and sustain an effective ministry that will renew and strengthen each member of this community of faith.

We shall actively seek and welcome into membership all persons without regard to their economic or social status, race or nationality.

We shall accept our responsibility for moral and spiritual development in our community, living by Christian standards of good citizenship.

We shall work together with other churches and denominations in our community for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom whenever we have the opportunity to do so.

We shall periodically evaluate our church's fellowship and ministry in light of our mission.

If problems present barriers to the mutual effectiveness of pastor and congregation, we shall cooperatively pray, faithfully communicate, and work in love to find solutions in the spirit of Christian understanding.

We shall work to insure that our church appropriately relates itself to the mission, institutions, and doctrines of the Church of the Nazarene and the redemptive mission of Christ in our community, nation, and the world. Amen.

Prayer

Dr. Fairbanks

## STATEMENT OF INSTALLATION

By the power vested in me as Superintendent of the Northwestern Ohio District of the Church of the Nazarene, I declare that you have committed yourselves to mutual covenants and I hereby install you as the pastor of the London Church of the Nazarene. Our new pastor and you the church have entered a new and solemn relationship, that of Pastor and People. Please greet your new Senior Pastor.

# PART II: INVITATION AND COVENANT FOR THE CHURCH

1....Accept this Bible and be among us, as John Wesley said, "a man of one book." Be in this place one who proclaims the Word.

2....Receive this vessel of water, the water of baptism. Be among us an evangelist who brings many to the knowledge of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and to the affirmation of faith pronounced by the baptismal water.

3....Receive this hymnal and be among us a leading worshiper at the foot of the cross, that we may worthily magnify the name of God and our Savior, Jesus Christ.

4....Receive this directory containing a list of all our families. We are your people. Oh, pray for us, and be a priest and pastor among us that we might be acceptable to the Lord.

5....Receive these tithing envelopes and remind us often that we are to be faithful stewards of all God has given us.

6....Accept this <u>Manual</u> of the Church of the Nazarene and the duty of teaching and discipling this people, reminding us that we are not only Christians, but Nazarene Christians.

7....Receive this oil, and be a healer and reconciler among us and a model of spiritual leadership.

8....Take this bread and cup and with it the authority to administer in Christ's stead the sacrament of Holy Communion among this people.

9....Receive this candle. This flame represents the Presence of the Lord. Please lead us into His Presence when we gather to worship Almighty God.

## **COVENANTAL LITANY**

Congregation led by **Doris Stuthard** 

Congregation standing

Leader: Will you affirm that you believe that this pastor and this church are to be workers together in the providence of God?

People: This we do believe and affirm.

Leader: Will you support this pastor with respect, loyalty, love and fervent prayer?

People: This we will do with God's help.

Leader: Will you receive the pastor's family as members of our family of faith, and love and pray for them as our own?

## People: This we will do with God's help.

Leader: Will you give sacrificially of your means so that this pastor can be relieved of the temporal cares of this life and thus be able to give full attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word?

#### People: This we will do with God's help.

Leader: Will you respond to pastoral leadership by vigorous participation in the congregational life of this church as it carries out its four-fold mission of worship, evangelism, education, and fellowship?

#### People: This we will do with God's help.

Congregation seated.

# PART III: THE PASTOR'S COVENANT

In response to the gracious call of God, and in gratitude for the confidence you have expressed in me, I receive these symbols of pastoral leadership.

I pledge to you a stewardship of these resources, and covenant with you to make ours a living, efficient church:

...a church in which sermon and sacrament are based strongly on the Word and vitalized with the dynamic presence of the Holy Spirit.

...a church with the atmospheric expectation of conversions;

...a church where the tempted are surrounded with victory;

...a church where the redeemed are enabled to see their larger need of Christ in cleansing fullness;

...a church where the particular consolations of God are given to the afflicted;

...a church where Christian men and women begin even on earth to be an authentic Christian community;

...a church which constantly witnesses to the whole world with sacrifice in its heart and conquest in its purpose.

I pledge to you a stewardship of my responsibilities as pastor:

...to live before you with integrity and Christian simplicity;

...to live responsibly my roles as husband and father, giving to my family the care and love due them as gifts of God to me;

...to responsibly administer the affairs of the church in consultation and cooperation with the church board, the church staff, and the people of the congregation as we carry out "the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ..."

to lead you in worship as a worshipping leader, developing a careful regimen of study, prayer, reflection, and preparation, for the purposes of personal growth and ministry;

...to encourage you, comfort you, instruct and challenge you, by the preaching of the Word and the administration of the sacraments;

...to seek always and in all appropriate ways to expand the borders of the Kingdom of God, cooperating with the District and General Church of the Nazarene in fulfilling a world-wide agenda;

...to listen carefully to you, care deeply for you, work closely with you, and pray daily for you, that we may "grow up in all things unto Him who is the head--Christ";

...to be a servant-leader, after the example of Christ.

# PART IV: CHARGE TO PASTOR AND CHURCH

Superintendent Fairbanks to Pastor:

Having committed yourself to this work, I charge you to care alike for the young and old, strong and weak, rich and poor. By your words and by your life proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Superintendent Fairbanks to the Congregation

Since you have willingly and prayerfully called your pastor to work among you, I charge you to willingly and prayerfully support, cooperate, and work together with him in the name of Jesus Christ whom you both serve.