

## **SERVICE OF INDUCTION OF A DEFENCE FORCE CHAPLAIN**

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### **A Service of Induction of a Defence Force Chaplain**

#### **The Gathering of the People of God**

- 1 CALL TO WORSHIP

*An appropriate person says: Let us worship God; and announces the hymn. The people stand. Those who are leading worship enter the church during the singing of the hymn.*

- 2 HYMN/SONG OF PRAISE

- 3 WELCOME AND GREETING

A representative of the Assembly says:

The Assembly has resolved to induct NNN  
to serve as a Chaplain in the RAN/RAA/RAAF

N, we rejoice that God has called you  
by the voice of the Church  
to serve Jesus Christ in this way.

I welcome you all to this joyful occasion,  
and greet you in the name of God:

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit  
be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:13

**And also with you.**

#### 4 PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In baptism we are claimed by God,  
and given the gift of the Holy Spirit  
that we may live as witnesses to Jesus Christ  
and share his ministry in the world.

We have not always lived as Christ's disciples.  
Let us confess our sins:

We have failed to live out our baptism:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

We have been blind to the vision of a renewed world:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

We have been indifferent to the suffering of others:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In your mercy, pardon and restore us,  
that bound together in the ministry of Christ  
we may serve you with joy  
all the days of our life.

**Amen.**

#### 5 DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,  
not counting our sins against us,  
and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

2 Corinthians 5:19

The representative of the Assembly says:

Hear then Christ's word of grace to us:

'Your sins are forgiven.'

**Thanks be to God.**

Mark 2:5

Through baptism, the sign of the cross is upon you.  
Remember your baptism and be thankful.

**As members of Christ's body, the Church,  
we will live out our baptism,**

**serving together in Christ's name.**

### **The Service of the Word**

If only two Bible readings are used, an Old Testament or Epistle reading and a Gospel reading shall be read.

If a Psalm is used, it may be printed in the order of service, to be said or sung by the people.

- 6 FIRST READING
- 7 PSALM
- 8 SECOND READING
- 9 GOSPEL

The following may be used after the final reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

- 10 HYMN OR ANTHEM
- 11 PREACHING OF THE WORD
- 12 NICENE CREED

The people stand.

**We believe in one God,**

**... Amen.**

The people sit.

### **The Induction**

- 13 QUESTIONS TO THE CHAPLAIN

*The representative of the Assembly says:*

N, my brother/sister in Christ,  
you are called to be a minister and a chaplain in the RAN/RAA/RAAF  
on behalf the Uniting Church in Australia.

It is your work to proclaim Christ's gospel,  
to share in the conduct of worship,  
to encourage God's people in their life and witness,  
to care for those in need,  
to stand with those who suffer,  
and to pray and act for justice.

You will take Christ the Servant as your example,  
ministering to his people and serving with them  
in their witness to the world.

In view of this solemn trust,  
we ask you to reaffirm  
the declaration of faith and obedience  
that you made at your ordination  
and to show that you desire, by God's grace,  
to continue your ministry as a Chaplain in the RAN/RAA/RAAF.

Do you confess anew Jesus Christ as Lord?

**I do so confess.**

Do you embrace the faith and unity of the holy, catholic and apostolic Church, as set forth in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, expressed in the Apostles' and Nicene Creeds as described in the Basis of Union?

**I do.**

Do you accept the discipline of the Uniting Church, and the oversight of both the presbytery and the National Committee on Defence Force Chaplaincy?

**I do.**

Do you affirm and commit yourself to the covenant made between the Uniting Aboriginal and Islander Christian Congress and the Uniting Church and accept the obligation to serve both First and Second peoples?

**I do.**

As you are able, will you take part in the work of the Presbytery and other councils of the Uniting Church, and serve in the life and witness of the wider church?

**I will.**

14 HYMN

*The people remain standing after the hymn*

15 INDUCTION PRAYER

*The minister to be inducted kneels and the representative of the Assembly says:*

Let us pray:  
Almighty God,  
in every age you have chosen servants  
to speak your word and care for your people.  
We thank you for N  
whom you have called to serve you.  
Fill him/her with the Holy Spirit  
and give him/her gifts for this ministry.  
May he/she have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and be a faithful disciple,  
Being an example to the people of God.  
and witnessing before the world;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

*The Aaronic Blessing may be said or sung by the people (Together in Song, 776) or another blessing may be used*

16 DECLARATION OF INDUCTION

*The minister stands and faces the people.  
The representative of the Assembly says:*

In the name of Jesus Christ,  
the sovereign Head of the Church,  
and by the authority of the Assembly  
we now declare NNN to be inducted to serve as a Chaplain within Ship/Unit/Base.

*The people may applaud. The people sit.*

The Response

*The representative of the Assembly says:*

My brothers and sisters in Christ,  
the Church declares that its members  
shall acknowledge Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord, confess the Christian faith,  
accept the discipline of the Church and share in its ministry .

## 17 THE PRESBYTERY

*The chairperson requests members of the presbytery to stand, and says:*

Will you support your brother/sister N  
in the discharge of his/her responsibilities  
as a chaplain within the RAN/RAA/RAAF?

**We will, in the love of Christ.**

*The chairperson invites members of the presbytery to greet the newly-inducted minister. Members of presbytery then sit.*

## 18 COLLEAGUES

*If there are UCA Chaplains, posted in the region of a Presbytery, they are invited forward. The NCDFC chairperson introduces them. The colleagues say:*

We offer you our friendship and support  
as we share together with in the wider ministry of Christ.

*Addressing the minister to be inducted and the other chaplains, the NCDFC chairperson says:*

N and N, you have been called by God  
to work together as Chaplains in the ADF.  
Will you promise, in faith and obedience to Christ,  
to share this ministry,  
supporting one another in love,  
and inspiring God's people  
in their common ministry for Christ?

**We will, by the grace of God.**

## 19 THE PEOPLE

*The Commanding Officer (or appropriate representative) of the Ship/Unit/Base comes forward, invites the members of the Ship/Unit/Base in which the minister will serve to stand, and addresses the newly-inducted minister:*

N, I greet you as our new Chaplain.  
I ask you to be an example of Jesus Christ to us as we serve together in the ADF;  
I present to you the members and families of the Ship/Unit/Base,  
and I commend them to your care and prayers.  
On their behalf, I greet you.

*The chairperson of NCDFC addresses those standing:*

Will you honour N as your Chaplain;  
will you listen for God's word in his/her preaching;  
will you welcome him/her into your places of work and rest;  
will you provide for him/her that which is necessary for his/her physical welfare;  
and will you at all times support him/her with your love and prayers?

**We will, the Lord being our helper.**

*The people sit.*

## 20 OTHER CHURCHES AND FAITHS

*The chairperson of the NCDFC may welcome and introduce chaplains of other churches and faiths who are present.*

*The chairperson invites them to come forward and greet the newly-inducted minister.*

*The chairperson of presbytery may welcome and introduce clergy or representatives of other churches who are present.*

*The chairperson invites them to come forward and greet the newly-inducted minister.*

## 21 THE CHAPLAIN

*The newly inducted chaplain makes a brief response.*

## 22 THE OFFERING

## 23 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*The prayers are led by a member of the Minister's presbytery and/or a member of the Ship/Unit/Base.*

*Intercessions may include:*

*\*The minister and his/her family.*

*\*The members and families of the ADF.*

*\*The needs of the Church and the world.*

And now let us pray to the Father  
in the words our Saviour gave us:

### **Holy Communion**

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### **The Sending Forth of the People of God**

## 24 HYMN

## 25 BLESSING

**The representative of the Assembly says:**

Go forth into the world in peace; ...

And the blessing of God almighty, ...