

# Induction Service to the MISSION ORDER OF ST PAUL

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**The Mission Order of St Paul is a missional order within the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia. It is a covenantal, episcopally overseen, order with an organic, relational structure comprising cells, chapters, and networks between these. Its provincial unit is the annual Convention.**

Presbyter: The Lord be with you

**People: The Lord bless you.**

**Presbyter:** Brothers and sisters in Christ. We gather to welcome, encourage and induct members into the Mission Order of St. Paul.

The Mission Order of St Paul seeks to be obedient to the vision, task and call as set out in the Constitution of the Order.

Namely, the Order intentionally seeks to identify, train, disciple and release Missional Leaders (lay and ordained) who have committed their lives first of all to God.

The task of all cell members is to initiate and inspire new expressions of church, and to establish and resource missional communities. They are expected to understand and engage with the culture in which they live and serve, particularly reaching out to the emerging generation. They operate under the authority of their local Presbyter and under the oversight and covering of the Provincial.

## The Covenantal Commitment and Principles of the Order

In making a covenant to The Order, members undertake to live out their baptismal commitment to discipleship as shaped by their Anglican identity and cultural context, accepting the particular opportunities and challenges of the Order as a true part of God's gracious call to them.

This covenant consists of a life-long commitment to three fundamental Pauline principles:

- **Jesus as Lord**
- **Mission as priority**
- **Personal holiness and accountability**

Name:

We welcome you today as a disciple of Christ and we are glad to witness your promises and to support you in your journey of discipleship.

Presbyter: And so I ask you:

Do you acknowledge Jesus as Lord?

**Jesus is Lord! I affirm St Paul's understanding and experience of Jesus.**

Do you commit yourself to the Mission of the Church?

**I commit myself to share St Paul's passion for mission and church planting.**

Do you commit yourself to a life of Personal holiness and accountability?

**I do. I will seek to live the Holy Life as St Paul describes it in his epistles to the Church.**

In your ministry will you abide by the Constitution of the Mission Order of St. Paul, and will you submit to the authority, oversight and mentorship of your Presbyter and Provincial?

**Yes I will. I commit myself in prayer and actions to work alongside my brothers and sisters in the local Anglican Church as together we work to fulfil the mission of God.**

Prayer and Anointing with oil.

May God bless and empower you in the way you have chosen remembering that the work you are called to is God's work; it is in God's hand, and it is done in God's name to God's glory.

**Congregation: Follow Christ whose servant you are. Share the burden of those whose cross is heavy. You are marked as a person who proclaims that among the truly blessed are the poor, the troubled, the powerless, the persecuted.**

**You must be what you proclaim. Serve Christ simply and willingly, and let your joy in Christ overcome all discouragement. Have no fear; be humble and full of hope.**

Philippians 1:3-6

“Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. I always pray for you, and I make my requests with a heart full of joy because you have been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ from the time you first heard it until now. And I am sure that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on that day when Christ Jesus comes back again.”