

Q: Will you strive to live in a manner pleasing to God, and to pastor those in your care in a way that leads to their wholeness in Christ?

Patty: I will, with God and the faithful community as my guides.

Q: Do you promise to seek Christian community for fellowship, instruction, and accountability? And do you promise to practice personal disciplines that guard your heart, nourish your spirituality, and enrich your ministry?

Patty: I do promise, with God and the faithful community as my guides.

Q: Will you strive to nakedly confront your own limitations, prejudices, insecurity, and vanity, so that you might know vulnerability before God and be transformed?

Patty: I will, with God and the faithful community as my guides.

Q: Do you promise to teach and preach from the Scriptures and the counsel of God's Holy Spirit; to shepherd those whom Christ places in your care and equip them for discipleship, trusting that God is present in all life, all people?

Patty: I do promise, with God and the faithful community as my guides.

Q: Will you strive to be a loving wife, and to honor your husband in your words and actions?

Patty: I will, with God and the faithful community as my guides.

One: We are reminded today that we are more than just a single congregation, but are part of the fuller body of Christ. Therefore, we lift up and care for those beyond the walls of this congregation. As Patty renews her ordination vows for whatever might be next, let us recommit ourselves to supporting her in ministry. For wherever Patty might be, whatever ministry she is called to next, we will continue to hold her in our hearts, in our prayers - knowing that no matter how far or near Patty will always have a place within this community.

*The following appeared in the bulletin as a reconfirmation of commitment by the gathered community:*

One: Do you, who are gathered here today, continue to support Patty in this call to ministry?

People: Relying on God's grace, we will.

One: Even as Patty prepares to move and to leave this congregation, will you continue to give her your encouragement, care, and support as she continues to follow her call to ministry?

People: May we be present and available no matter where Patty might go.