

1. COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR MEMBERS OF A PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Presiding Minister: The following have been elected to the Pastor Nominating Committee of

\_\_\_\_\_ Church. We ask them to present themselves for commissioning to the task.

With members of the Committee standing before the congregation, the presiding minister shall say:

“In the Presbyterian Church (USA) our Constitution informs us that every church should have the pastoral services of a minister of the Word. When a minister resigns we are required to call a new minister by electing a Pastor Nominating Committee. This committee is charged with searching out and screening potential candidates and presenting one minister to the congregation as a candidate for pastor.”

In keeping with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the custom of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, you have been elected as a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee. You are asked to make answer to the following questions.

Presiding Minister: Do you accept the responsibility as a member of the Pastor Nominating Committee and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof?

Member: I will.

Presiding Minister: Will you seek to discover the will of God for our congregation so that the person God wants as minister here will be the one we call?

Member: I will.

Presiding Minister: Will you have an openness to consider all candidates without regard to sex, age, or marital status?

Member: I will.

The presiding minister will then address the congregation.

Presiding Minister: Will we pray for them, be patient while they search, and support them in every way.

Congregation: We will.

Presiding Minister: Will we acknowledge and respect the confidentiality of the task that is given to them?

Congregation: We will.

Presiding Minister: I now declare that you have been set aside and commissioned to find a candidate for Pastor of

\_\_\_\_\_ Church. Go with God in your search and may the Blessing of God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all.

AMEN.