

**The Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the
Americas
Jamaica district**

District Theme:

“Spreading scriptural holiness to reform the nation... beginning with me”

Sub-Theme:

“Building A Resilient People: Church, Community and Nation”



A Service for the Ordination of

**THE REVEREND SHANE ANTONIO HANSEL
AS A PRESBYTER**

at

Spanish Town Methodist Church
30 White Church Street
St. Catherine

on

Sunday January 16, 2022
at 4:00 p.m.

Officiating:

Past Connexional President - The Rev'd Dr. George McD. Mulrain
District President - Bishop, The Rev'd Christine Gooden Benguche
District Conference Secretary - The Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane

Assisting in the Laying On of Hands:

Circuit Superintendent - The Rev'd Stephen Mullings
District Candidates' Secretary - The Rev'd Michael Llewellyn
Local Presbyter - The Rev'd Charlene Burton

Accompanist: - Bro. Norman Perrin
Cantor: - Bro. Orville Manning

A warm welcome to all worshippers

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE PREPARATION

PROCESSIONAL: Instrumental

The Service will begin with a Procession, the Choir leading followed by Ministers-in-Training, Deacons and Presbyters, in order of seniority, the Ordinand, Ministers who have been appointed to assist in the laying-on of hands, the Secretary of the District Conference, the President of the Jamaica District and the Past Connexional President.

THE INTROIT “Gather Christians” Hymn #375 (VIP)

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| <p><i>Gather, Christians, let's now
celebrate.</i></p> <p><i>Gather, Christians, the Lord
we now await</i></p> <p><i>Gather, Christians, behold he
comes.</i></p> <p><i>Rejoice and sing for the Lord is
King!</i></p> | <p>2. As we stand before our God,
With Christ Jesus, our
saving Lord,
We'll break his word now,
and break the bread,
As we proclaim: he's risen
from the dead!</p> <p>3. Let us all now, as one
community,
Praise and honour the
Trinity,
Let us all now with one
accord
Sing out our praise to the
living Lord
<i>Garfield Richard (1943 -)</i></p> |
| <p>1. To God the Father, let's give
him praise.
To God the Father our voice
we raise.
To God the Father who reigns
above,
Praise the Lord for his mercy
and his love!</p> | |

CALL TO WORSHIP: District Conference Secretary

Minister: When He ascended up on high, He led captivity captive and gave gifts to men and women.

People: *Some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers ...for the building up of the Body of Christ.*

Minister: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.

People: **Let this mind be in you, that was also in Christ Jesus.**

Minister Our help is in the name of the Lord our God,

work within the Church. Rev. Hansel served as Youth Leader, Sunday School Teacher, Class Leader, Congregational Steward and a Sponsoring Secretary of the Garden Hill Basic School. Additionally, he served as Circuit Youth Commission President, Secretary of Circuit Resource and Development Committee and Circuit Christian Education Committee. It was while carrying out these various assignments that Shane became aware of his dependency on the abiding faith in Christ and the enabling and equipping power of the Holy Spirit for a life surrendered to Christ.

In July 2002, Rev. Hansel represented the Spanish Town Circuit at DYLTYS Youth Leaders Training Seminar which focused on worship, planning for worship and leading worship in the church. Later, on Saturday July 13, 2002 he made a deeper commitment to God as he contemplated the call to the Itinerant Ministry which was discussed with his then Superintendent Minister. However, the process was not followed through as he was enrolled in Teacher's College and began his teacher training in August of the same year.

Rev. Hansel believes that purpose can never die and as the writer states in Hymn 453(VIP) "God is working his purpose out, as year succeeds to year; God is working his purpose out, and the time is drawing near; nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be: when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea".

God has been faithful throughout the years. In 2014 (12 years after the commitment at DYLTYS) the sense of call to ordained ministry was settled. Rev. Hansel had discussions with then superintendent, Bishop the Rev. Everald Galbraith, Rev. Bosworth Mullings and the Rev. Karlene Brown-Palmer who helped him to understand the call leading up to subsequent candidature as Local Presbyter. It is God who called him to a life of faithfulness to bring the message of repentance and salvation by faith to God's people in such a time like this.

PROFILE

REV'D SHANE ANTONIO HANSEL

Rev. Shane Hansel is the first of ten children born and nurtured in a Methodist family in the community of Garden Hill, St. Catherine. His mother currently serves as a Congregational Steward and one of his sisters as a Local Preacher and Circuit Steward in the Spanish Town Circuit. His personal mission is to help people unearth and activate their God-given potential for life and godliness.

Rev. Hansel served in the Ministry of Education and Youth for twenty-five (25) years. He is a Trained Teacher and serves at the St. Catherine High School as a Senior Teacher with supervisory responsibility for the Grade 9 cohort. He is a teacher of Biology.

On Christmas Day in 1995 as was the norm then for individuals to get dressed in their "Christmas best" and attend the planned concert or party we as children were given permission to attend. Rev. Hansel would make his party debut. By divine intervention, one of his younger brothers stole his suite and wore it to the party. The following morning his brother was questioned about his actions and to everyone's surprise he calmly responded. "leave the dance thing a alone, that's not yours. You need to go to church you nuh hear God a call you".

Rev. Hansel was overshadowed with a sense of guilt and fear for God. He started to do regular reflection on **Ecclesiastes 12; 1**. "Remember your creator in the days of your youth, before the days of trouble come, and the years draw near when you will say, I have no pleasure in them";

Rev. Hansel had a personal encounter with Christ at a circuit mission service organised by circuit minister Rev. Wayneford McFarlane in July 1997. The preacher, Rev. W. Alexander made a passionate appeal at an altar call for individuals to surrender their talents, time and life to God's service. Being the shy and reserved individual Rev. Hansel was, he unwillingly went to the altar just for prayer. It was there that the Lord spoke to him in clear terms "I need you, what are you waiting on?". After much contemplation and wrestling with the Holy Spirit tears began to flow, his hands were lifted up in praise and obedience to the redeemer of sins. He poured out and emptied himself acknowledging and surrendering to his Lord and Saviour.

The spirit of shyness was removed from his life and he was now entrusted with the mantle to serve and the spirit of boldness that enveloped his life caused him to immerse himself in Christ and his

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Minister: Our salvation is in the Lord Jesus Christ,

People: Who died for our sins and rose for our justification.

Minister: Our confidence is in the Holy Spirit,

People: Who enables us to become God's children.

Minister: The Lord reigns!

People: Let the earth rejoice.

Minister: Our God reigns!

People: We shall be glad and wait for His Word.

HYMN: "How Beauteous Are Their Feet" VIP #310

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| 1. How beauteous are their feet
Who stand on Zion's hill,
Who bring salvation on their
tongues,
And words of peace reveal. | 4. How blessed are our eyes
That see this heavenly light!
Prophets and kings desired
long,
But died without the sight. |
| 2. How cheering is their voice,
How sweet their tidings are:
'Zion, behold thy Saviour
King!
He reigns and triumphs
here. | 5. The watchmen join their
voice,
And tuneful notes employ;
Jerusalem breaks forth in
songs,
And deserts learn the joy. |
| 3. How happy are our ears
That hear this joyful sound,
Which kings and prophets
waited for,
And sought, but never
found! | 6. The Lord makes bare His
arm,
Through all the earth abroad.
Let all the nations now
behold
Their Saviour and their God.
<i>Isaac Watts, 1674-1748</i> |

LETTER FROM CONNEXIONAL PRESIDENT

read by Bishop, The Rev'd Christine Gooden Benguche

Minister: Let us all pray.

Minister and People:

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE COMMANDMENTS OF OUR LORD JESUS

Minister: OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST said: The first commandment is:

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is One: and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: The second is this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

Minister: And a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

People: Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these your laws in our hearts we beseech you.

THE CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: Let us in silence confess our sins to God and pray for His forgiveness.

After a period of silence, the Minister shall continue and the people joining:

ALMIGHTY GOD, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against each other, in thought and word and deed, in the evil we have done and in the good we have not done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Minister: **CHRIST JESUS** came into the world to save sinners. Hear then the good news. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

People: Amen. Thanks be to God.

MINISTER AND PEOPLE:

(and) we thank you Lord that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all mankind. Amen.

HYMN: "O Thou Who Camest from Above" VIP #232

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| 1. O Thou who camest from
above
The fire celestial fire to impart,
Kindle a flame of sacred love
On the mean altar of my
heart! | 3. Jesus, confirm my heart's
desire
To work, and speak, and think
for thee;
Still let me guard the holy fire,
And still stir up the gift in me. |
| 2. There let it for thy glory burn
With inextinguishable blaze,
And trembling to its source
return
In humble prayer and fervent
praise. | 4. Ready for all thy perfect will,
My acts of faith and love
repeat;
Till death thy endless mercies
seal,
And make the sacrifice complete.
<i>Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)</i> |

THE BLESSING

Past Connexional President
Rev'd Dr. George McD. Mulrain

NOW THE GOD OF PEACE, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the Great Shepherd of the Sheep, with the blood of the eternal Covenant, make us perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which is well-pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory, for ever and ever.

THE PEACE OF GOD which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

AND THE BLESSING of God Almighty, the Father the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Raising the Cup, the Minister shall continue:

The Cup of Blessing which we bless is a sharing in the Blood of Christ.

Amen. Though we are many we are one Body because we share in the one loaf and partake of the same drink.

The Minister kneeling and the people bowed; silence shall be kept for a space.

Then the Minister and People shall say together:

Lord, we come to your table, trusting in your mercy and not in any goodness of our own. We are not worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy, and on that we depend. So feed us with the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, your Son, that we may forever live in Him and He in us. Amen.

The Minister, having taken the Bread and Wine, shall also give to those who are assisting and then invite the people as follows:

You who truly and sincerely repent of your sins, are in love and charity with your neighbours and have resolved to lead a new life following the commandments of God and, by the power of the Spirit, walking in his holy ways, draw near with faith, receive the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was given for you and his Blood which was shed for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

As the Bread is given these words shall be spoken:

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, keep you in eternal life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

As the Cup is given these words shall be spoken:

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, keep you in eternal life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's Blood was shed for you and be thankful.

After all have partaken, the Minister shall cover the Table and what remains of the Elements with a cloth, and after silent prayer he may offer prayer in his own words always ending with the following, the people joining:

Minister and People:

GLORY BE TO GOD ON HIGH, and on earth peace, goodwill to all. We praise you; we bless you; we worship you; we glorify you; we give thanks to you for your great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, who take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

You who take away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

You who take away the sin of the world receive our prayer.

You who sit at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For you only are holy; you only are the Lord; You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit are Most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

WELCOME AND COURTESIES Rev'd Dr. Wayneford McFarlane
District Conference Secretary

SELECTION: Bro. Orville Manning

THE WORD OF GOD

THE COLLECT

O GOD, whose blessed Son Jesus set the example of service, and who through the Holy Spirit continue to call men and women into the Ministry of the Church: give grace to these your servants that they may be faithful to the spheres of ministry to which they have been called; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. AMEN.

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 6:1– 8 read by Sis. Patrine Davis-Hansel

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 40 VIP 590

led by Sis. Sherrine Williams

L: I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry.

Cong: **He drew me up from the desolate pit, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.**

L: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD.

Cong: **Happy are those who make the LORD their trust, who do not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after false gods.**

L: You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you. Were I to proclaim and tell of them, they would be more than can be counted.

Cong: **Sacrifice and offering you do not desire, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required.**

L: Then I said, "Here I am; in the scroll of the book it is written of me.

Cong: **I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart."**

L: I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; see, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD.

Cong: **I have not hidden your saving help within my heart, I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation.**

L: Do not, O LORD, withhold your mercy from me; let your steadfast love and your faithfulness keep me safe forever.

Cong: **For evils have encompassed me without number; my iniquities have overtaken me, until I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head, and my heart fails me.**

L: Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me; O LORD, make haste to help me.

Cong: **Let all those be put to shame and confusion who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire my hurt.**

L: Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!"

Cong: **But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!"**

ALL: AS FOR ME, I AM POOR AND NEEDY, BUT THE LORD TAKES THOUGHT FOR ME. YOU ARE MY HELP AND MY DELIVERER; DO NOT DELAY, O MY GOD.

GLORY BE TO THE ...

THE EPISTLE: Ephesians 4:1-16 read by Sis. Karisa Cunningham

Grant that, by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 We who receive your gifts of bread and wine
 May share in the Body and Blood of Christ
 And become united with him.
 Let your blessing rest upon us all, and upon these your
 servants whom we have, in your Name, ordained into this
 sacred Ministry,
 That you will give them all the grace that is needful for their
 vocation,
 And that all of us, to whom this Ministry has been committed,
 May show ourselves worthy and remain faithful to you
 By increasing daily in the knowledge of your blessed will,
 In the grace of your Son and in
 The power of the Holy Spirit,
 That, through us, and all your people,
 Your holy Name may be glorified
 And your blessed Kingdom enlarged.
 We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

***To whom with you, O Father,
 In the unity of the Holy Spirit
 Be all honour and glory,
 From all who dwell on earth and in heaven
 Throughout the ages of ages. Amen.***

The Minister shall continue:

And now, as our Saviour taught us, we use these words,

LORD'S PRAYER

Minister and People: (Sing)

***OUR FATHER, which art in heaven;
 Hallowed be Thy name,
 Thy kingdom come,
 Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread;
 And forgive us our trespasses
 As we forgive them that trespass against us;
 And lead us not into temptation,
 But deliver us from evil.
 For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.***

THE ACTION OF THE BREAD AND THE WINE

Breaking the Bread, the Minister shall say

The Bread we break is a sharing in the Body of Christ.

Amen.

Through Jesus Christ, your only Son our Lord,
 You created all things and made us in your own image.
 And when we had fallen into sin, You did not leave us in
 darkness,
 But sent Him to redeem us by his death upon the Cross.
 After his resurrection from the dead and exaltation to your right
 hand,
 He sent the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles,
 Equipping your church with a variety of gifts
 And enabling a diversity of ministries
 For the building up of the Body and the advancement of your
 kingdom.
 Into their labours we have entered,
 As now we offer, with all your people, our gifts for service in
 your name,
 Proclaiming your praises who called us out of darkness into
 your marvelous light.
 Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the
 company of heaven,
 We join in the hymn of everlasting praise.

***Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
 Hosanna in the highest,
 Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord,
 Hosanna in the highest.***

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of the universe,
 And blessed is your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Who, on the night in which He was betrayed,
 Took bread into his holy hands, and looking up to heaven,
 gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying,
 "Take this and eat it. This in my Body given for you.
 Do this in remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, He took the cup,
 gave thanks, and gave it to them saying,
 "Drink from it, all of you. This is My Blood of the New Covenant
 poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins
 Do this whenever you drink it in remembrance of me".

***Christ has died!
 Christ is risen!
 Christ will come again!***

Therefore, Father, in obedience to his command
 We do this in remembrance of Him,
 Praying also that you will accept our sacrifice of praise and
 thanksgiving.

HYMN: "You Servants Of God"

VIP #248:

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| <p>1. You servants of God, your
 Master proclaim,
 And publish abroad his
 wonderful name;
 The name all-victorious of
 Jesus extol;
 His kingdom is glorious and
 rules over all.</p> <p>2. God ruleth on the high,
 almighty to save;
 And still he is nigh, his
 presence we have;
 The great congregation his
 triumph shall sing,
 Ascribing salvation to Jesus
 our King.</p> | <p>3. "Salvation to God, who sits on
 the throne!"
 Let all cry aloud, and honour
 the Son;
 The praises of Jesus the
 angels proclaim,
 Fall down on their faces and
 worship the Lamb.</p> <p>4. Then let us adore and give him
 his right:
 All glory and power, all wisdom
 and might,
 All honour and blessing with
 angels above
 And thanks never ceasing for
 infinite love.</p> |
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Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

GOSPEL: John 13:1-15 (all standing)

read by Rev. Michael Llewellyn, Ministerial Training Secretary

SPECIAL MUSICAL SELECTION

Bro. Leslie Francis

THE PRESBYTER'S TESTIMONY AND PROMISES

*The Congregation seated, the Secretary shall call the name of the
 Ordinand who shall then stand and approach the Past Connexional
 President after which the District President shall say:*

District President:

PRESIDING PRESIDENT, I present to you SHANE ANTONIO
 HANSEL to be ordained as a Presbyter of the Methodist Church
 in the Caribbean and the Americas.

Past Connexional President:

WE ARE MET TOGETHER in the name of God and in pursuance
 of the decision of our Conference to ordain as a Presbyter this
 our brother who has been duly examined and approved by our
 Conference.

He has been approved for the Ministry of the Holy Word and
 Sacraments, to administer discipline, to be a shepherd of God's
 people and evangelist of His Kingdom.

And that you, who are gathered here in His name, may also
 declare your mind concerning him, I now invite him to tell us

clearly and distinctly of his conversion to Christ and call to this Ministry.

After the Ordinand has spoken, he shall stand before the Past President who shall address him in the following words, the Congregation being seated.

YOU HAVE HEARD, my brother, from the passages selected from the writings of the prophets and apostles and from the holy Gospels of the dignity and sacredness of the ministry to which you have been called. You have been called to be an evangelist of the grace of God in Jesus Christ, and you are sent to make disciples of all nations, to teach and premonish, to feed and provide for God's household, to seek out Christ's sheep who are scattered abroad, for whom He laid down His life, and to lift up His Cross before all people, that they may be saved through Him forever.

Therefore, consider well your calling, and may you never cease from prayer, or relax your diligence, until you have done all that you can do to bring those committed to your charge to that conversion of heart and life to which the Holy Spirit bears witness, and to that perfect knowledge and love of God by which you may present them all mature persons in Jesus Christ.

And since you cannot of yourself do or even desire these things, may you pray the more earnestly for the continual blessings of the Holy Spirit that you may perform this ministry as He wills.

We believe that you have already considered these matters in the period of your preparation and that you have fully determined to give yourself to this ministry so that, as far as you are able, you will concentrate on this one thing and focus all your plans and studies in this one direction, and that you will always pray to God that you and your family will become so dedicated that you will be worthy examples for God's people and that, by daily reading and meditating on the Holy Scriptures, you may wax riper and become stronger in that ministry to which God has called you.

And now, so that this Congregation may fully understand your intentions and also that, in the future, your recollection of this solemn moment may bestir you to your duties, you shall answer plainly and clearly to these things which we, in the name of God and of His Church, shall ask you concerning them.

Do you trust that you are inwardly moved by the Holy Spirit to take this office, to serve God by promoting His glory, by preaching His Gospel and by caring for His people?

Ordinand: I do so trust.

HYMN: "Let Us Enter Into Covenant with Christ" VIP #429

During the singing of the hymn, the Offering for The Ministerial Training Fund will be received, and the Table will be made ready for the Observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

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| 1. Let us enter into covenant with Christ,
celebrating the eucharist of love.
Take a little bread and wine,
lift up the chalice of the King. | The Saints who sleep in Christ shall rise.
Rejoice, O Zion, and be glad! |
| <i>Alleluia! It's a sign of love!
Alleluia! It's a sign of peace!
Alleluia! It's the mystery of faith!
Alleluia!</i> | 4. Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sins of the world.
'He who comes to me
I shall not turn away'. |
| 2. Take the body and the Blood of Christ,
in divine revelation of his love.
Be transformed, O my people,
from your sins,
and eat and drink and live! | 5. Come you faithful, to the paradise of God,
to the marriage feast of the Lamb.
Eat manna from the tree of life;
you are washed in the Blood of Christ |
| 3. He is lifted to the throne on high
and will come again to rule all the world. | <i>Norbert Farrell (1943-)</i> |

DEDICATION OF OFFERING

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
Celebrant: Bishop, The Rev'd Christine Gooden Benguche

All standing the presiding minister shall begin:

THE THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with You.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and fitting so to do.

Father, all powerful and ever living God, It is indeed right and fitting,

It is our joy and our salvation always and everywhere
To give you thanks and praise.

Delivering to the Presbyter a copy of the Holy Scriptures, the Past Connexional President will say:

MAY THIS BE YOUR AUTHORITY as you fulfil the office of a Presbyter and Pastor in the Church of Christ.

Standing before the newly ordained Presbyter the Past Connexional President says:

Brother Shane, be persistent in your reading, be faithful in your teaching. Meditate often on the message of the Bible. Be always diligent. Never be unemployed, never be triflingly employed. Be strict with yourself and zealous for the doctrine, for by so doing you will save yourself and those who shall hear you. Be a shepherd to the people. Feed them, do not eat them. Uphold the weak, heal the sick, bind up the broken, bring back the outcast, seek out those who are lost. Be merciful, but do not be slack. Administer discipline, but do not be merciless. And when Christ the Chief Shepherd shall come may you receive from him the never-fading crown of glory. **Amen.**

HYMN "Behold The Servant of the Lord" VIP #304

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| 1. Behold the servant of the Lord!
I wait thy guiding eye to feel,
To hear and keep thy every word,
To prove and do thy perfect will,
Joyful from my own works to cease,
Glad to fulfil all righteousness. | 3. My every weak, though good design
O'errule, or change, as seems thee
meet;
Jesus, let all my work be thine!
Thy work, O Lord, is all complete,
And pleasing in thy Father's sight;
Thou only hast done all things right. |
| 2. Me if thy grace vouchsafe to use,
Meanest of all thy creatures, me,
The deed, the time, the manner
choose,
Let all my fruit be found of thee;
Let all my works in thee be wrought,
By thee to full perfection brought. | 4. Here then to thee thy own I leave;
Mould as thou wilt thy passive clay;
But let me all thy stamp receive,
But let me all thy words obey,
Serve with a single heart and eye,
And to thy glory live and die. |

Charles Wesley (1707 – 1788)

THE CHARGE Rev'd Dr. George McD. Mulrain

PRAYER Rev'd Dr. George McD. Mulrain

Past President:

Are you satisfied that the Holy Scriptures contain all that is necessary for salvation? And are you determined, out of the same Scriptures, to instruct the people committed to your charge; and to teach nothing contrary to what you believe can be concluded and proved by the Scriptures?

Ordinand: I am satisfied and have so determined by God's grace.

Past President:

Will you be ready, then, to drive away all false and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word; and to exhort the people both publicly and privately, whether they are weak or strong, so long as the need requires it and the occasion is given?

Ordinand: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Past President:

Will you preach the Word of God, and administer the Sacraments and the Discipline of Christ as He has commanded?

Ordinand: I will by the help of the Lord.

Past President:

As you believe you are called to be a Minister in the Methodist Church, I now ask you to state clearly whether you believe its doctrines and are determined to preach them.

Ordinand: I do so believe, and I will so preach, the Lord being my helper.

Past President:

Will you submit yourself as a daughter in the Gospel to those whom the Methodist Church shall appoint to have the rule over you?

Ordinand: I will.

Past President:

Will you be constant in prayer and diligent in the study of the Bible and in other studies which will help you to understand it better?

Ordinand: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Past President:

Will you be diligent to inspire and encourage your own family according to the doctrines of Christ so that both you, and they with you, may become wholesome examples and patterns to the flock of Christ?

Ordinand: I will apply myself to this duty, the Lord being my helper.

Past President:

Will you as far as you are able, promote peace, good order and genuine love among all people and particularly among them who will be committed to your charge?

Ordinand: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Past President:

As you are called to be a Presbyter in the Church of God, and seeing that to each of its members is given a gift by the Holy Spirit for ministry in Christ's name, will you do all that you can to build up the Body of Christ, to persuade and encourage every member in the exercise of the gift of grace that God has given and to present every one mature in Christ Jesus?

Ordinand: I will endeavour so to do, the Lord being my helper.

Past President:

As you are called to be an ambassador on behalf of Christ, beseeching all people to be reconciled to God, will you stir up the gift of God that is in you and testify to the gospel of grace which is available to all people?

Ordinand: I will, the Lord being my helper.

The Past Connexional President shall invite the Congregation to rise and shall address the people as follows:

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, you have heard the solemn pledges of our brother approved for ordination. Will you now on behalf of the whole Church also signify your approval?

People: He is worthy. He is worthy.

The Congregation shall then join the Past Connexional President in saying:

ALMIGHTY GOD, who has given you the will, also give you the strength to perform these things and complete the work which He has begun in you to the honour and glory of His name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Past Connexional President shall then say:

Brothers and Sisters, it is written in the Gospel according to Luke that our Saviour Christ, before He chose and send forth his apostles, continued for the whole night in prayer. It is also written in the Acts of the Apostles that when the deacons

were chosen, they were set before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. Let us therefore, following their examples, pray to God before we lay hands upon and send forth this our brother to the work to which we believe the Holy Spirit has called him.

All pray in silence.

Afterwards the following hymn will be sung (all standing).

HYMN: "Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire" VIP #148

(During the singing of the hymn the Ordinand shall kneel and the District Bishop and the Ministers assisting the Past Connexional President shall gather around the Ordinand).

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| 1. Come, Holy Ghost, our souls
inspire,
And lighten with celestial fire;
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts
impart: | Keep far our foes, give peace
at home;
Where thou art guide no ill can
come. |
| 2. Thy blessèd unction from above
Is comfort, life, and fire of
love;
Enable with perpetual light
The dullness of our blinded
sight: | 4. Teach us to know the Father,
Son,
And thee, of both, to be but
One,
That through the ages all
along
This, this may be our endless
song: |
| 3. Anoint and cheer our soiled
face
With the abundance of Thy
grace; | <i>All praise to thy eternal merit,
O Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!
Amen.</i> |

*Anon – 9th Century
Trans. By John Cosin (1594 -1672)*

THE ORDINATION OF THE PRESBYTER

The Past Connexional President shall then lay both his hands and the others their right hand on the head of the Ordinand, the Past Connexional President saying:

RECEIVE THE HOLY SPIRIT for the office and work of a Christian Presbyter and Pastor and may you in the power of the same Spirit faithfully dispense the Word of God and his Holy Sacraments, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

AMEN.

The ordinand remains on his knees.