

Subject: Ordination Vows
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Rev. _____ (To Candidate)

The United Church Of Religious Science has consented to this ordination ceremony in recognition of the truth that “*the Spirit of God is upon you*”, and that your ministry is precious.

United Church welcomes you at this celebration of your sincerity and commitment to its ever expanding vision of the awareness of the presence of God within each individual, and the awakening of the Global Heart.

It is fitting that you commit yourself to United Church in whose name you will exercise your ministry.

Are you now prepared and willing to publicly pledge your commitment to this doctrine, as an ordained Minister of Religious Science?

Candidate: I am

Do you dedicate yourself to respond compassionately to the needs of all who call upon you?

Candidate: I do

Do you have the realization that God is Universal Presence, and do you practice that awareness in recognizing the Divine in and through and as all?

Candidate: I do

Do you pledge to teach that God is life, God is love, God is source, God is within, God is all?

Candidate: I do

The great mystics are people of love and wisdom because they are people of meditation and prayer.

Be reminded that a minister who is too busy to take the time to meditate and pray is a great deal busier than God ever intended them to be.

Do you vow to hold your relationship in God - as experienced through your spiritual practices of meditation and prayer - as the first priority in your life?

Candidate: I do

So be it!

By the authority vested in me by the United Church Of Religious Science, and in honor of God who performs this ceremony through me, I do now confer upon you ordination as a minister of Religious Science. Be a faithful spiritual servant leader in the fulfillment of your ministry.

You are now granted authority to exercise your ministry with all attendant rights, privileges and obligations.

It is my privilege to present to you this certificate as public acknowledgement of your ordination.

(Read certificate)

On behalf of all who have gathered here, and my esteemed colleagues, I charge you to love, inspire, empower, teach and minister to all, and may you be the mystic heart of God.

Turn it back to Rev. _____

(Rev. _____ then will explain the meaning of the stole and ask candidate's family to come forward to present it.)