Installation of New Staff

*(**Involves Principal/Director, Pastor or Chaplain, School Board Chair, new staff members. May be included in either a worship service or assembly.)*

**School Board Chairperson:** [School Pastor/Chaplain/Supporting Congregational Pastor] and [Principal], I present to you the following staff who have been appointed to serve as teachers and staff in [name of learning community]:

*Chairperson names the staff members and their positions. They come forward as their name is called. Staff stand facing the assembly.*

**Pastor/Chaplain:** Friends in Christ: St Peter says: God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ.

**Principal:** New staff members of [learning community name in full], you have been called to serve as members of our [abbreviated name of school/ECS] community. You are required to teach and act in accordance with God's Word. Do you intend to carry out your duties faithfully? (If so, say 'Yes, I do'.)

**New Staff: Yes, I do.**

**Pastor/Chaplain:** I install you as teachers and staff of [name of community], in the name of the Father and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*The installed teachers and staff face the congregation.*

**Pastor/Chaplain** says to the assembly:

Members of the [abbreviated name of school/ECS] community: Receive these people as teachers and staff of [name of learning community]. Pray for them, honour and support them, and work peacefully together with them. You may welcome them with applause.

*Chairperson and Principal greet each new staff member during the applause*

**Pastor/Chaplain** *says to all staff present:* I now invite all the staff to stand for a blessing.

God the Father give you his Holy Spirit to work in you and support you, so that you may serve our Lord Jesus Christ + faithfully. Students, please affirm your teachers and college staff with applause. *Staff return to their seats.*