

The Candidates [and New Members] stand and face the congregation

PEOPLE: We, the members of this congregation, welcome you as full members. We welcome you to this ministry of Jesus Christ. We give you the right hand of fellowship, and pray that together we may be built up in faith, confirmed in hope and made perfect in love.

The Minister and Elder/s give the right hand of fellowship to the Candidates [and New Members]. Confirmation Certificates will be presented to the Candidates. Candidates [and New Members] will then move down the aisle and greet those people next to the aisle, as representative of the whole congregation. They then return to their places in the body of the church.

**An Order of Service for
Confirmation**
within the Uniting Church in Australia

Confirmation

Confirmation shall take place as part of an act of worship at which Holy Communion is celebrated

ELDER: We are to receive as confirmed members of Christ's Church the following persons –

Candidates stand and come forward as their names are called

[We also welcome and affirm the following whose membership among us we now receive –

New members stand. If desired, they may also come forward to share with the Candidates as they affirm their vows]

MINISTER: Brothers and sisters, you have come, in the presence of God and of this congregation to affirm your acceptance of God's promises, to dedicate yourselves afresh to the Lord Jesus Christ, and to acknowledge the obligations of membership in his Church. I ask you –

Do you believe in God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit?

I do.

Do you acknowledge Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord, and do you determine to follow him?

I do.

Do you promise to fulfil your duties as a member of the Church, to participate in public worship and in Holy Communion, to pray and to read the Bible?

With God's help, I do.

Do you promise to devote your life to the service of God and your neighbour?

With God's help, I do.

MINISTER (addressing congregation): Let us join our brothers and sisters in affirming together the historic faith as summarised in the Apostles' Creed.

Apostles' Creed is to be found on the second-last page of the Australian Hymn Book

MINISTER: Brothers and sisters, at your baptism you were received as part of Christ's body, the Church. You have now heard his call to you, as he said to the first disciples, "Follow me." You have responded to that call and set out on the life of faith in him. You now come so that we may lay hands on you and pray that the Holy Spirit will fill you, confirm in you the promises of God and strengthen you to obey his will.

Let us pray:

PEOPLE: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you have revealed yourself to us in your written Word and have given your Son, the living Word, to live among us, to die on the cross for us, to be raised to life and glory at your right hand. Fill these, your sons and daughters with your Holy Spirit, as you have promised. Increase in them daily the fruit of your Spirit, which is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Equip them with spiritual gifts for the building up of your Body and for the witness and service of your people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The minister and Elder/s lay hands on each candidate in turn, the Minister or an Elder praying appropriately each time.