PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

REPORT OF COMMISSION TO ORGANIZE A MISSION CHURCH AND ORDAIN/INSTALL PASTOR

Commission of _____ Presbytery to organize _____ Mission Church, install and/or ordain pastor.

The Commission convened on _____, 20___, at _____am/pm, at the church (or at _____).

Commission members present were: (Quorum - as specified by Presbytery, but not less than two TEs and two REs)
Teaching Elders: _____ (Chairman): _____
Ruling Elders: _____
Others present: _____
Secretary: _____

The following have been elected to the office of Ruling Elder and Deacon by the members of _____ Mission Church from the list of those found qualified by the Commission:
_____

TE _____ has been elected as pastor by the communicant members of the _____ Mission Church.

The Commission recessed with prayer by _____ for the service of Organization (and Ordination/Installation of the Pastor).

A sermon was preached by TE _____ on the topic/text: _____

_____

_____ (of the Commission) asked the members of the mission congregation the question for entering into church covenant contained in *BCO* 5-9i(3) which was answered affirmatively by the congregation with uplifted hands. _____ then declared that _____ Mission Church was constituted as a church in the PCA (*BCO* 5-9i(4).

The Sermon having been heard during the Worship Service, the presiding minister, _____, stated the warrant and nature of the office of Ruling Elder and Deacon together with the proper character to be sustained and the duties to be fulfilled per *BCO* 24-5. The 6 questions in *BCO* 24-5 were addressed to the Ruling Elder candidates and each responded affirmatively to the questions. The question to the congregation in *BCO* 24-5 was made and they answered in the affirmative by holding up their right hands.

A Dedicatory Prayer was offered for _____ who had previously been ordained as Ruling Elders. The Candidates, _____
_____,

then kneeled and were set apart with prayer and the laying on of hands to the office of Ruling Elder and Deacon. The new officers were then given the right hand of fellowship. The Minister then declared that _____

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(names of all Ruling Elders and Deacons)

had been regularly elected, ordained and installed as Ruling Elders and Deacons of the church using the words of *BCO* 24-5. The Minister then addressed a charge to the Officers and to the church.

The Chairman led in the installation (ordination & installation of _____ as pastor of the newly established particular church. He stated briefly the previous proceedings of the Presbytery, and pointed out the nature and importance of the (ordination/installation) ordinance.

The Chairman propounded the constitutional questions (in *BCO* 21-5 for a Candidate, *BCO* 21-9 for a Minister, and *BCO* 21-11 for an Evangelist) to the Candidate/Minister and these were answered in the affirmative. The Chairman then propounded the constitutional questions (in *BCO* 21-6 or 21-10) to the congregation of the _____ Church and these were answered in the affirmative by members holding up their right hands. The Candidate/Minister then kneeled and was set apart to the holy office of the Gospel Ministry with prayer and the laying on of hands. He then rose and the Members of the Commission gave him the right hand of fellowship. The Chairman then declared that Mr./TE _____ had been regularly elected, (ordained,) and installed as Pastor of the Church, using the words of *BCO* 21-7.

A Charge to the Pastor was delivered by RE/TE _____.

A Charge to the Congregation was delivered by RE/TE _____.

Following prayer and singing, the new Pastor pronounced the benediction.

The Commission reconvened, approved its Minutes, and was adjourned with prayer by _____.

_____ _____

Date Secretary of the Commission

Please submit the completed report to the Stated Clerk of Presbytery as soon as possible.