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**Worship 10:00 AM**

*We are all ministers in this fellowship*



**ORDINATION SERVICE FOR PASTOR STEVE RAMER**

**Nov. 15, 2015**

*"And the day came  
when the risk to remain  
tight in a bud was more  
painful than the risk it  
took to blossom."*

*Anais Nin*

**Welcome All!**

**Please turn over for the ordination program**

*"I am what I am because of who we all are."*

*– English translation of "Umbuntu," an ancient African word*

# Ordination Program for Pastor Steve Ramer: November 15, 2015

**Prelude:** Stan

**Welcome:** Stephanie

**Leader:** Jesus, you are the Great Questioner.

**People:** Keep our questions alive, that we may always be seekers rather than settlers.

**Leader:** Guard us well from the sin of settling in with our answers hugged to our breasts.

**People:** Make of us a wondering, far-sighted, questioning, restless people.

**ALL:** Give us the feet of pilgrims on this journey unfinished. AMEN

**Congregational Singing:** 580-Blue, 6-Blue

**Passing of the Peace**

**Brief Kids' Time:** Steph

**Scripture:** Matthew 20:25-28

**Various Speakers:** Eliza, Ramer Family, Kevin for Fort Collins Community Action Network

**Presentation for Ordination:** Steph

**Leader:** Today is an important day for Pastor Steve Ramer, for his family, for Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship, and for God's people in this community and across the church.

Pastor Steve, today we affirm and celebrate how God has created and formed and called you by name, and journeyed with you and this congregation.

This is a day of celebration, consecration, and commitment as you are ordained by the power of the Holy Spirit to pastoral ministry.

Steve, God has been at work all through your life, calling you to be a follower of Jesus Christ. You have responded to that call.

**Questions & Answers:** Steph

**Leader:** Do you today renew your baptismal vows of commitment to Jesus Christ?

**Candidate:** I do.

**Leader:** Do you accept the call of this faith community as a call from God? Do you commit yourself to this congregation to be Christ's representative among them, both unafraid to lead and willing to live in mutual accountability with them?

**Candidate:** I do.

**Leader:** Do you promise to devote yourself to prayer, Bible Study and the spiritual disciplines so that as you grow in God's Word and wisdom, you may become an agent of mercy and justice?

**Candidate:** I do.

**Leader:** And will you by the power of the Holy Spirit, continue to work with congregational leaders and members of this congregation so that the body of Christ might be spiritually equipped to grow into the likeness of Jesus?

Will you commit yourself to support the work of this conference and the larger Mennonite Church, maintaining an open spirit which is ready to give and receive counsel? Will you commit yourself to seeking ways to worship and work with the ecumenical church in this community?

**Candidate:** I will.

**Request to Congregation:** Steph

**Leader:** As FCMF, you are part of the cloud of witnesses that surround and embrace Steve Ramer.

Do you accept your role in calling Pastor Steve to ministerial leadership in this congregation?

Will you honor his calling and also your own? Will you search the Scriptures and pray with him? Will you speak the truth in love? Will you join him in sharing and living the good news of Jesus Christ with others?

**Congregation:** We will.

**Ordination and Welcome from Conference Leadership:** Annie Lengacher-Browning

**Leader:** Steve Ramer, we have heard your promises. Now together as Fort Collins Mennonite Fellowship and as Mountain States Mennonite Conference, we ordain you as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Congregational Singing:** 49-Green (*Rain Down*)

**Presentation of Gift:** Steph

**Passing of Prayer basket and Offering baskets**

**Offertory:** Cathy & Saja (*In God is my Soul at Rest*)

**Time of Sharing:** open-mic style

**Prayer of Sending:** Steph or Annie

**Closing Song:** Blue-323