

How to Install Officers in a Time of Physical Distancing

Installation of officers is possible using Zoom/Youtube/Facebook during your “regular” pandemic online worship. Ordination is more complicated because the *Book of Order* mandates the laying on of hands for ordination. There are two approaches that have been advocated and either is acceptable at this time:

- i. Delay ordination and/or installations but elect your officers with this language as part of the motion and placed in the minutes:
Elders & Deacons are authorized to begin their term of service effective (date), with the service of Ordination and Installation to be scheduled as soon as possible.”
- ii. Hold ordinations and installations on-line with the understanding that from an ecumenical perspective it will be important to have prayer with the laying on of hands for those ordained at some future time when it is appropriate to do so.