

Order of Installation

Greeting Rev. Paul Doyle

The New London Association of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ greets you in the name of Jesus Christ, the head of the church in heaven and on earth.

“Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Let us look to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was waiting for him endured the cross, withstood the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.”

Presentation David Burnham

Fishers Island Union Chapel, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called the Rev. Dr. Rosanna Anderson as its Designated Term Pastor and respectfully requests that the New London Association install her in this ministry among us, according to the faith and order of the United Church of Christ.

Rev. Paul Doyle: The New London Association has reviewed the request of Fishers Island Union Chapel UCC. We have prayerfully examined Rosanna and we are pleased to install her as your Designated Term Pastor.

Covenant Rev. Paul Doyle

Questions to the Pastor

Rosanna, we invite you to come forward as a sign of your acceptance of the call to this office. Installation is the action of an association of the United Church of Christ in cooperation with a local church. Installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship among a local church, its pastor and teacher, and the United Church of Christ.

Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, work for the reconciliation of the world, and to further the purpose, unity, and integrity of the church? I will.

Will you seek to serve the people of Fishers Island Union Chapel and this community with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love? I will.

Will you be a faithful minister, proclaiming the good news in Word and Sacrament, teaching faith, and caring for people? Will you be active in government and discipline, serving in the governing bodies of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ? I will.

* Questions to the Church

Members of Fishers Island Union Chapel, please rise and affirm this covenant.

Do you receive Rosanna as your pastor and teacher, and promise to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and financial support? **We do.**

Do you promise to gather with her and the United Church of Christ as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name? **We do.**

Do you promise to listen to the word she preaches, welcome her pastoral care, and honor her authority as she seeks to honor and obey Jesus Christ our Lord? **We do.**

***Questions to the Association and Friends of Fishers Island Union Chapel**

Members of the New London Association and all friends of Fishers Island Union Chapel, please rise and affirm your covenant with this congregation and its Designated Term Pastor.

Do you, members of the New London Association of the United Church of Christ and friends of Fishers Island Union Chapel UCC, gather with the people and pastor of this congregation, in celebration of our mutual ministry in Christ's name? **We do.** (Please be seated.)

The Exhortation Sue Barker

To the congregation: Hear these words from the Apostle Paul: "We beg you, our brothers and sisters in Christ, to pay proper respect to those who work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with the greatest respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves."

To the Pastor: We urge you, our sister, warn the idle, encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with all.

To all: See that no one pays back wrong for wrong, but at all times make it your aim to do good to one another and to all people. Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants of you, in your life in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Installation Sue Barker

Almighty God, You have called your servants to make promises before you. Now enable them to keep their vows that we may reflect your steadfast love for your beloved creation, being faithful and fruitful in every good work. Bless Rosanna to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit on her, the people of this church, and on all the churches of the New London Association. Enable them to serve you with faithfulness, diligence and courage, according to the gifts you have bestowed, and grant them the spirit of power and of love and of a sound mind. Amen.

Declaration Sue Barker

In the name of Jesus Christ, on behalf of the New London Association of the Southern New England Conference of the United Church of Christ, I declare you duly installed as pastor and teacher of Fishers Island Union Chapel UCC. Thanks be to God.

Charge to the Congregation Rev. Paul Doyle