Offerings from Ordination and Installation Services

In ordination the church recognizes the offering of a person's life in service to Jesus Christ as a response to Christ's self-offering. Receiving an offering of material goods is an appropriate during the worship service.

In the Presbytery of Carlisle, this offering shall be designated for the Ministers' Emergency Fund. This fund is administered through the Clergy Care Committee of the Committee on Ministry and used to provide emergency assistance to ministers and their families. Individual churches receiving Presbytery funds at an ordination or installation service should deposit the funds in their church account and transmit the funds to the Presbytery office by check. Donor checks at special services should be made payable to the host church. Notice of the purpose of the offering shall appear in the bulletin. On those occasions when the offering is mixed with the other gifts of the people, (pledges and other specially designated gifts) the loose offering shall be designated for the Ministers' Emergency Fund. The church shall be responsible for forwarding funds to the presbytery office within two weeks following the service of ordination and/or installation.