

GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTING STOLES

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1. Stoles may or may not be conferred in accordance with the wishes of the ordinands/commissionands.
2. Presentation of the Bible to candidates should precede any vesting with stole.
3. If candidates are to be invested with stoles, the act will be incorporated liturgically in the service.
4. It is the responsibility of candidates to advise the Executive Secretary before the Service on the manner of post-ordination/commissioning greeting they wish to receive.
5. Candidates should be advised that Red is the traditional colour for Ordination/Commissioning because historically it has symbolized the Holy Spirit (and Martyrdom). Variation of colour should be allowed, however, as being consistent with the earlier desire to accommodate individual wishes.
6. Candidates should be advised that whatever symbols appear on the stoles should be symbols of the faith to whose ministry candidates have been ordained/commissioned and the congregation baptized.