

Service of Installation of Officers

United Methodist Men

Leader: You have been called in several ways for this moment in time. The men of this church/district/conference see in you the two essential qualities that have brought us to this Celebration of Service. First and most importantly, they see that you are a man of God, a disciple of Jesus Christ. Secondly, they see you as a servant leader.

Hear the words of John Wesley in his Invitation to the Covenant Service:

Commit yourselves to Christ as His servants. Give yourselves to Him, that you may belong to Him. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honorable; others are more difficult and disgraceful. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ. Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

Officers: Let me be Your servant, under Your command. I will no longer be my own. I will give up myself to Your will in all things. Amen

Leader: Wesley gives 5 very strong suggestions (what he calls admonitions):

1. Set time apart to listen to God.
2. Be serious, seek the Holy Spirit; expect to be in awe.
3. Rely on God's promise of giving grace and strength; trust in His strength rather than your own.
4. Be Faithful to your call. With God's power never turn back.
5. Renew your covenant with the Lord; continue to open your heart to the Lord.

Let us pray:

Gracious God, we humbly and joyfully remember those persons who have mentored us in the faith.

Officers: Lord I am thankful for _____ who mentored me to become your disciple.

Leader: Lord we also celebrate this day the fellowships of believers who surrounded these men with love and grace.

Officers: I thank you for the faithful members of _____ church, who led me to be a child of God.

Leader: I thank you this day for particular men who by their life illustrated faith, love, integrity and a strength of spirit that reflects their Heavenly Father.

Officers: Thank you Father for placing Godly men in my life.

Leader: Lord give these men a full measure of your wisdom, give them extraordinary strength in Your word, nights of rest, days of co-laboring with You and fill them with Your joy and grace.

Officers: Lord make your way plain to us. We thank you for the men who will work with us. We especially thank you for the men you will place in our path who have a hunger for a deeper relationship with you, and for the skills you will lend us to lead those men to you. In all things, direct us and You will have all our praise. In power of your holy name we pray. Amen

Leader: I have just a few questions for you.

Will you accept the office of your election with grace and joy?

Officers: I will

Leader: Will you continue to grow in Christ as you assist churches, districts and this great conference to bring men to the church and into to a dynamic relationship with Jesus Christ, your Lord and Savior?

Officers: I will

Leader: Will you work within a team as a servant leader?

Officers: I will

Leader: As leaders within this church/district/conference, will you pray for each other, and hold each other accountable for the vital work that needs to be completed?

Officers: We Will

Leader: Will you lead by example, doing what you ask others to do?

Officers: We will.

Leader: Will you take time to be Holy, to speak often with the Lord?

Officers: We will.

Leader: Will you prayerfully begin today to mentor someone to take your place?

Officers: I will.

Leader: (to all present) Will you pray for these men, follow their lead, and have their backs?

All: We will

Leader: God of Grace and God of Glory, we surround these men with our love and support. May all in this place serve you all the days you grant us with a renewed spirit of your Peace. Let the church say AMEN.