



Commissioning of leaders of congregational groups and ministries

NOTE:

- The Commissioning of leaders of congregational groups and ministries normally takes place after the Preaching of the Word and Affirmation of Faith, during the Service of the Lord's Day.
- It is desirable that the children and young people of the church be present.
- Italicised words are given as examples only, and may need adaptation.

Prayer

The minister says:

Merciful God, you renew the strength of all who wait upon you.

Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that, in serving others, we may always be true to Christ, our Lord and our Redeemer, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Introduction

The minister and people say responsively:

There are different gifts,

but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God,

but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through different people in different ways,
but it is the same God whose purposes are achieved through them all.

Each one of us is given a gift by the Spirit,
to use for the common good.

From 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

During baptism, we as God's people promise to love, encourage and support our brothers and sisters in faith that they may grow in the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the knowledge and love of God.

We seek God's help to live out our baptism as a loving community in Christ:

- **nurturing one another in faith,**
- **upholding one another in prayer,**
- **and encouraging one another in service, until Christ comes.**

The Commissioning

Those to be commissioned move to the front of the church as their names are read.

They may be led from their places by a child or young person.

The minister then says:

We have the joy of using our gifts as members of Christ's church which is his body continuing his ministry in the world today.

Today we commission those who offer themselves for service as workers and leaders in children's, young people's, adult and all-age ministries in the life of our congregation and community.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, do you believe that you are called by God through the church to work with children/young people/adults in the life of our congregation and community?

I do, God being my helper.

Will you be diligent and prayerful in your preparation and continue to equip yourself for this ministry?

With God's help, I will.



The minister (or a child or young person) says:

Let us pray:

Loving God,

We thank you for those who have responded to your call.

We pray that your Holy Spirit may inspire them as they undertake this ministry in your name.

By their encouragement and example, may they enable others to discover new life in Christ. Amen.

The congregation stands.

The minister says:

Members of the body of Christ, will you encourage in their ministry, these workers among God's children, younger and older, and support them with your prayers?

With God's help we will.

Prayer

The minister says:

Let us pray:

God of grace, you have called us to be servants of Jesus Christ, and to share in his ministry of love to all people.

Renew our zeal, give us joy in your service. Direct us by your spirit of wisdom and fill us with the gifts of your grace, that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The minister, and other ministry team members as appropriate, offers the hand of fellowship to each leader/worker.

Hymn/Song

A song of commissioning or mission may be sung.

The service continues.

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