



INSTALLATION OF DISTRICT OFFICERS (3)

(Pastor asks the newly-elected district officers to come forward, join hands, and form a small circle. Then he calls for the outgoing and remaining officers to join hands and form a larger circle around the newly elected officers.)

PASTOR (SPEAKING TO THE NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS): Dear sisters in Christ Jesus, the Lord has called you for special service in His kingdom through your work with the LWML _____ District. By coming forward, you have demonstrated your willingness to assume the duties of your respective offices. I now ask you, are you aware of the responsibilities of your position and are you willing to pledge yourselves to perform the tasks set before you? And, whatever you do for the LWML District, will you do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to the Father? If so then answer, “Yes, with the help of God.”

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS: Yes, with the help of God.

PASTOR: Having stated your intentions to perform the tasks required of you, ... *I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to one hope when you were called—one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and father of all who is over all and through all and in all. But to each one (of you) grace has been given as Christ apportioned it (Ephesians 4:1-7 NIV).*

PASTOR: Now will you step back and join the circle of sisters who have served before you, some of whom will remain to share in your work for LWML and others who will leave this circle to serve the Lord in other capacities.

PASTOR: Dear sisters, you stand on holy ground before the Lord. You have been or will be serving Him in the LWML _____ District. We thank those of you who will be leaving this special circle for all that you have done to further God’s kingdom within the District. Our prayers will continue to go with you in whatever direction the Lord leads you.

PASTOR (As he calls each of the outgoing officers by name, she steps back and the gap in the circle is closed. When the outgoing officers stand outside the circle, the Pastor continues with a blessing for them.): Our love and thanks to all of you in Christ Jesus. Go in peace to serve the Lord. Amen. (After the blessing, the outgoing officers return to their seats.)

PASTOR: Now we have a different circle of friends and co-workers for God's kingdom in the LWML _____ District. The circle has not been broken, but strengthened by our common love for Jesus and desire to share His story and His love. We do this in service for Him and it becomes our unity of purpose. Remembering that He is always with us to guide us, our circle will become stronger knowing that Christ is its center.

PASTOR (SPEAKING TO CONVENTION BODY): Dear sisters in Christ, having heard the promises of your duly elected officers to serve with the help of God, do you intend to hold them in high regard and encourage them in their service? Will you lift up your officers in prayer, offering them your love, cooperation and assistance? Will you let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts since as members of one body you were called to peace to serve the Lord? If so, then answer, "We will."

CONVENTION DELEGATES AND GUESTS: We will.

PASTOR (SPEAKING TO THE ASSEMBLY): Having given your pledge to love, respect, and pray for your leaders, now please join hands for prayer.

PASTOR: Holy Father, You have given different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit; different kinds of service, but the same Lord. We thank You for calling each of us to be a vital part of the body of Christ. Help us to work together in love and eagerly search out ways to share Your love with a world that is lost. Now in fervent gratitude for Your dying love and blood-bought gift of redemption, we renew our dedication to You, by pledging:

our willing service wherever and whenever You have need of us;
our hands to work for Your kingdom;
our feet to go on Your errands;
our voices to sing Your praises;
our lips to proclaim Your redeeming love;
our mites to extend Your kingdom;
our will to do Your will; and
our service to bring the lost and erring into eternal fellowship with You.

PASTOR (SPEAKING TO THE NEWLY-ELECTED OFFICERS): May the grace of God be with you as you serve the Lord with gladness. Amen.

