



Rite for installation of a call committee

Immediately following the Hymn of the Day:

At this time, we install the following persons as the Call Committee of _____ Church.

(As their names are read, the members of the committee shall come forward.)

As we install these leaders, we celebrate the power of the Holy Spirit, as it will reveal itself to us through their work as they discern candidates for the call to be a pastor of this congregation.

To the members of the Call Committee:

On behalf of this congregation and with the support of the staff of the Central States Synod, you are being charged with listening faithfully and searching diligently for the person whom God has chosen to shepherd this congregation in the coming years.

Are you now prepared to accept this responsibility and exercise your ministry faithfully and in accordance with the will of the Holy Spirit? If so, answer: We will, with God's help.

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Will you consistently search the mind of God through prayer and conversation with one another, always seeking to do God's will rather than your own?

We will, with God's help.

Will you continue to pray for this community of faith and listen diligently to the people of God as they seek to discern God's will in this process?

We will, with God's help.

Will you pledge to work with them in a spirit of joyful anticipation as you look forward to a new partnership in the gospel?

We will, with God's help.

Congregation stands

People of God, will you support and encourage these people in the ministry for which they are called this day? If so, then answer: We will, with God's help.

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Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs: Creative and Redeeming God, we will call upon you to empower these leaders for the special ministry upon which they embark this day. Grant them your Holy Spirit; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence. Lord in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

(Other petitions may be added here.)

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

A symbol of this ministry such as a lapel pin may be given as each committee member kneels to receive a laying on of hands and blessing.

I bless you for service, in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Let us pray. Almighty God, whose Spirit moved upon the waters and earth was created; who knit us together in our mother's womb, grant that these people of God may be strengthened for their service and empowered with your presence. Through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.