

AN ORDER FOR THE INSTALLATION OR RECOGNITION OF LEADERS IN THE CHURCH

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This order may be included in a service of worship when elected or appointed leaders among the laity in the congregation are to be installed or recognized.

As a Response to the Word or at some other appropriate place within a public worship service, the pastor invites the leaders being recognized to come forward. The pastor presents the leaders to the congregation and then says to them:

Dear friends,
you have been called by God and chosen by the people of God
for leadership in the church.

This ministry is a blessing and a serious responsibility.

It recognizes your special gifts
and calls you to work among us and for us.

In love we thank you for accepting your obligation
and challenge you to offer your best
to the Lord, to this people, and to our ministry in the world.

Live a life in Christ
and make him known in your witness and your work.

Today we *install (recognize) Names.*

Do you this day acknowledge yourself a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ?

I do.

Will you devote yourself to the service of God in the world?

I will.

Will you so live
that you enable this church to be a people of love and peace?

I will.

Will you do all in your power
to be responsible to the task for which you have been chosen?

I will.

[We also recognize those persons who have been elected to office
by the United Methodist Men, United Methodist Women,
and United Methodist Youth (and other organizations as appropriate)

Let us pray.

Almighty God, pour out your blessings upon these your servants
who have been given particular ministries in your church.

Grant them grace to give themselves wholeheartedly in your service.

Keep before them the example of our Lord,
who did not think first of himself, but gave himself for us all.

Let them share his ministry and consecration,
that they may enter into his joy.

Guide them in their work.

Reward their faithfulness with the knowledge
that through them your purposes are accomplished;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Dear friends, rejoice that God provides laborers for the vineyards.
Will you do all you can to assist and encourage them
in the responsibilities to which they have been called,
giving them your cooperation, your counsel, and your prayers?

The congregation responds:

We will.

The pastor may greet the leaders individually.

A hymn may be sung and a blessing given. Suggested hymns from UMH:

939 Hymns listed under Commitment	583 Sois la Semilla (You Are the Seed)
944 Hymns listed under Installation Services	415 Take Up Thy Cross
578 God of Love and God of Power	545 The Church's One Foundation
670 Go Forth for God	546 The Church's One Foundation
581 Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service	585 This Little Light of Mine
664 Sent Forth by God's Blessing	558 We Are the Church
	338 Where He Leads Me
	582 Whom Shall I Send?

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