

Commissioning Liturgy

Leader: The Lord appeared to Moses in a burning bush and called to him saying, “Put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” Now, by virtue of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, every place we tread becomes holy.

Today, we come to affirm that the influence you have each day in your home, neighborhood, school, workplace, and in our community takes place on holy ground, and to commission you to do this important work to which God has called you.

Brothers and sisters, are you, so far as you know your own heart, called by God to serve as a spiritual influence with those whom God has entrusted to your care?

Yes, I am.

Will you identify those whom God has called you to influence and will you make intentional effort to build trust with them?

With God’s help, I will.

Do you commit to diligently seek to discern God’s voice through prayer and the reading of God’s Word?

Yes, I do.

Will you work to bring people together in ways that reflect the love and unity that God calls us to demonstrate?

Yes, I will.

Will you seek to raise up and develop other people of spiritual influence so more and more people can be impacted across your community?

As God guides me, I will.

Leader: It is fitting that your commitment to serve as a spiritual influence be sealed with the support of your brothers and sisters in Christ. By stretching our hands out, we affirm your calling and pledge our support, encouragement, and affirmation in your work.

Congregation: Lord Jesus, as these your servants go out to do your will, we pray that you will empower them, affirm them, guide them, and use them for your glory. As the body of Christ, we pledge our support, encouragement, and affirmation to these brothers and sisters in Christ as they serve as salt and light in their home, neighborhood, school, workplace, and in our community. We recognize them as Christ’s ambassadors and name as holy ground every place they tread. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.