

Grand Canyon Synod Women's Organization INSTALLATION SERVICE FOR THE CONFERENCE GATHERING

Today, we recognize women who have offered themselves for service to God through the ministry of Women of the ELCA in America. This is a moment of dedication for the leaders you have chosen. It is also a moment of reconsecration for all of us to our Lord.

Will the newly elected or appointed conference leadership women please come forward as your names are read:

There are women named (insert names here)

Who have been called by God to serve the _____ Conference of the Grand Canyon Synod Women's Organization of the ELCA.

WILL THE SYNODICAL BOARD MEMBERS who are present please come forward, stand behind these leaders, and place your hands on their shoulders as a symbol of our pledge to support them in their service.

In Holy Baptism, we are called to a life of faithful service and witness. You have been asked to serve Women of the ELCA in your conference.

Will you give yourself joyfully to this responsibility, offering praise and thanksgiving to God?

If so, answer "Yes, by the help of God."

You have been given many gifts to build up the body of Christ. Will you be open to receive the witness of others and to walk with them in a journey of faith?

If so, answer "Yes, by the help of God."

May God, who has chosen you for this task, graciously dwell in you and give you the strength and compassion to fulfill it.

WILL THE GATHERING OF WOMEN PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE?

Will you, as people of God, encourage these leaders by remembering them in prayer and accepting them as partners in the gospel?

If so, answer, "Yes by the help of God."

I now declare you duly installed as the

CONFERENCE LEADERSHIP TEAM of the ______ Conference.

LET US PRAY,

Heavenly Father, enlighten our minds with the gospel and fill our hearts with love. Send your Holy Spirit upon these women, your servants, that they may discharge their duties with diligence, steadfastness, boldness and wisdom. Let them be instructed, nurtured, comforted and strengthened by your Holy Word for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

GO IN PEACE – SERVE THE LORD! (Response: Thanks be to God)

LET'S CONGRATULATE OUR NEW LEADERS.

Please be seated.