

MOUNTAIN VIEW UNITED CHURCH, AURORA, CO

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR WISE TEAM

GREETINGS

Pastor 1: Hear these words from the apostle Paul: My sisters and brothers, I want to know the truth about first from the Holy Spirit. There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit gives them. There are different ways of serving, but the same God is served.

Pastor 2: There are different abilities to perform service, but the same God gives the ability to each of us for our particular service. The Spirit's presence is shown in some way in each person for the good of all.

PRESENTATIONS

Pastor 2: These people have been called by God, in accordance with the faith and order of this church, to serve among us. They have accepted their call and are before us to witness to their willingness to serve.

Council Representative: Friends in Christ, Mountain View United Church, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit has called _____ to serve on the WISE Team and respectfully requests that, you, their community of faith, commissions them for this ministry.

COVENANT

Pastor 1: Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is an honor to be entrusted with responsibility for particular service in the ministry of the church, whether gathered or scattered. _____, having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of the WISE Team ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

WISE Team: We do.

Pastor 1: Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing for the love of Christ?

WISE Team: We do, relying on God's grace.

Pastor 1: Members of this beloved community of faith, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Will those who are able rise and witness to the commitment we now make?

People: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

LAYING ON OF HANDS

Pastor 2: The laying on of hands is the symbolic act whereby the church in every age recognizes God's call to ministry in the lives of faithful women and men and asks the Holy Spirit to confer upon them the gifts of ministry. We lay hands upon you, _____ as the WISE Team.

Congregation comes forward to lay on hands.

Pastor 1: May the Holy Spirit strengthen you for the ministry of the WISE Team in Christ's church and equip you with everything good to do God's will. Receive authority to execute your ministries in the name of Christ.

People: Amen.

All: Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this beloved community of faith and in the world, which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that this church, your beloved community, may flourish in the mission you place before it. May their example be worthy for all of us to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry, for the glory of your holy name. Amen

DECLARATION

ALL: In the name of Jesus Christ, an on behalf of this beloved community, Mountain View United Church, we announce that are installed in respective positions. Thanks be to God.