



Recognition of the Ministry of the Call Committee

There is an order of service appropriate for the recognition and installation of your call committee, titled: "Recognition of Ministries in the Congregation" found in the Occasional Services Book. This order can be utilized within the liturgy for Holy Communion during a regular service of worship or as a separate service set aside specifically for the recognition of those serving on the call committee. The following format is suggested:

When set within the liturgy for Holy Communion, this order is used following the Offering and the Offertory.

The congregational president addresses the congregation:

L: Dear Christian Friends: Baptized into the priesthood of Christ, we are all called to offer ourselves to the Lord of the Church in thanksgiving for what he has done and continues to do for us. It is our privilege to recognize and support those who are engaged in the work of this congregation, especially those selected to serve as members of the call committee.

As a representative of the congregation reads a brief description of the ministry of the call committee and the names of the persons selected to serve in that ministry, the call committee members stand.

L: Having offered yourselves to serve on the call committee of this congregation, will you follow our Lord's example of humble service?

Response: Yes, with God's help.

L: Let us pray: O God of love, your Son washed the feet of his disciples as a sign of servanthood. Uphold those who follow his example of humble service, and strengthen them in their faith. Guide and direct these servants who will lead this congregation in the selection of the one who will be called as (senior, associate, assistant) pastor. Give them wisdom and discernment. Let your Holy Spirit guide and direct them in all that they do. Help us all to serve you faithfully in thought, word, and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.

L: For all who offer themselves in your name, we give thanks, O God. Give them the joy of service and constant care and guidance. Help us all to be both willing servants and thankful recipients of ministry, that your name be glorified, your people live in peace, and your will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Response: Amen.