

INSTALLATION OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION PERSONNEL

Installation service for Sunday school or Christian Education administrators and teachers.

Pastor:

Dear friends, God has established the church as the instrument through which His will and purpose for man may find completion. The church does not exist for itself, but for our Lord.

Before ascending to the right hand of God, the Father, our Lord commissioned His followers with these words: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

You have been called to the ministry of teaching and administering the _____ (*Sunday School, Christian Education Committee, Vacation Bible School*) of this church. This task carries heavy responsibilities. You have been entrusted with the gospel. It is your duty to clearly make known the Holy Scriptures so that those who are entrusted to your care will be led into a knowledge of redemption through faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. Although your responsibilities may seem heavy, you need not fear; God has promised to be with you in the person of the Holy Spirit who will provide for your every need. Therefore, honestly answer the following questions before God and in the presence of this assembly:

Pastor:

Are you willing to accept this responsibility to which God was called you?

If so, answer: I AM.

Pastor:

Will you earnestly study the Word of God so that you might accurately teach it to others?

If so, answer: I WILL.

Pastor:

Will you faithfully instruct those entrusted to your care in the Word of God, giving freely of your heart, mind, time, and talent so that you may fulfill your duties to the best of your ability.

If so, answer: I WILL, GOD BEING MY HELPER.

Pastor:

Will you be a proper role model for those observing your behavior; teaching not just with words, but with actions?

If so, answer: I WILL TO THE BEST OF MY ABILITY.

Pastor:

Will you humbly accept direction from those placed in authority over you and will you willingly serve your church in any way in which God may call you to do so?

If so, answer: I WILL.

Pastor:

Will you attend the regular meetings of the _____?
(*Sunday School, Christian Education*) Board unless prevented by a reason you can conscientiously present to the Lord?

If so, answer: I WILL.

CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION

Pastor: (to the congregation)

Members of the Body of Christ, we celebrate the presence of God as we may recognize His call, received by these members of our fellowship, to the direction and teaching of our _____ (*Sunday School, Christian Education Committee, Vacation Bible School*). They come in a spirit of devotion to offer themselves to God for this service, and so it is our obligation to support them by our loyalty and prayers, seeking with them and for them consecration from on high that they may be empowered for this calling with reverence and faithfulness to the glory of God.

As members and friends of _____ Evangelical Congregational Church of _____, to whose service these officers and teachers have no pledged themselves; will you promise your loyal cooperation and prayer support in the home and the church?

If so, answer: WE WILL.

Pastor:

Let us pray. [A prayer of dedication should be offered at this time.]

THE COMMISSION

Pastor:

In accordance with the *Discipline* of this church and by the authority vested in me as a minister of Jesus Christ, I hereby solemnly commission you as officers and teachers called to the high privilege of teaching and administering the work of the _____ (*Sunday School, Christian Education Committee, Vacation Bible School*) of _____ Evangelical Congregational Church of _____. Go as you have been chosen. Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord.

BENEDICTION

To him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.

SUGGESTED HYMNS

Come, Christians, Join to Sing Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Come, Thou Almighty King Above
Come, Ye That Love the Lord Take My Life and Let It Be
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

SUGGESTED CHORUSES

As for Me	Make Me a Servant
Be Ye Holy	Make Me Like You
Bind Us Together, Lord	Make Me, Lord, a Dreamer
Cleanse Me	Micah 6:8
Hear, O Lord	Open Our Eyes
Here I Am	Reveal Your Father-Heart to Us
I Am Not Mine Own	Seek Ye First
I Will Keep My Mind Stayed	Spirit of the Living God
On You	We Choose the Fear of the Lord
Lord, I Will	