

Installation of Delegates Illinois South Conference

Introduction

Leader:

Spirit of Wonder-

As we gaze down the future with hope, we prepare our hearts to understand your intentions. As we seek your guidance on tomorrow's Church, our souls listen intently for your call to serve our world.

Our fellow congregants have answered the call to serve the larger church as delegates to the Illinois South Conference UCC. In the upcoming days, they will be joining together in unity and covenant with other churches in the Conference to make decisions for the good of the Church and Christ's mission of love in our world.

Today, we ask that you speak your commitment to your role as delegate to the Illinois South Conference UCC from LOCAL CHURCH NAME.

Questions for the Delegates

Leader: Friends, as you share your time and talents with the larger Church, we ask that you speak your words of commitment as a delegate from LOCAL CHURCH NAME to the Illinois South Conference UCC.

Will you seek the intentions of the God's Spirit as you make decisions for the larger church. If so, please say "I will with the help of God."

Delegate(s): I will with the help of God.

Will you remember the dignity of all human beings, remembering that they are children of God and made in the Divine image, as you voice your thoughts and vote on resolutions presented. If so, please say "I will with the help of God."

Delegate(s): I will with the help of God.

Will you remember and work to strengthen the covenant between you, our church, the conference, the denomination, and the entire Body of Christ. If so, please say "I will with the help of God."

Delegate(s): I will with the help of God.

Covenantal Commitment of the Local Church

Leader: Congregants of LOCAL CHURCH NAME, will you share your support with these members of our church and delegates to the Illinois South Conference UCC? Will you commit to the covenant between them and you and support the covenant between the LOCAL CHURCH NAME and the Illinois South Conference UCC? If so, please say "We will with the help of God."

Congregation: We will with the help of God.

Blessing of the Delegates

Leader:

God of the Covenant-

In each time and place, you have surrounded your people with your presence and love. When the day of Pentecost arrived, your people were able to speak through the Spirit who gave them the ability to communicate and understand as needed.

As we look forward to the future of the Church, we ask that your Spirit fill our delegates with wisdom. May visions from the Spirit awaken them and all of us to dream about new possibilities for the Church, and may these dreams stir creativity in each of our congregations. May these delegates know your intentions for the Church, believing that you continue to journey with us just as you did with Moses and the Israelites, the followers of Jesus on the day of Pentecost, and all believers in each time and place.

We thank you for your steadfast love for our delegates today and know that your wisdom journeys with them as they serve the Church.
Amen.

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