

The Service

PASTOR: As Christians we are to make the Lord Jesus Christ known to all people. We hear this in His words: “I command you love one another as I have loved you...by this, all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13: 34-35). In Jesus final command we hear: “Go then to all peoples, everywhere and make them disciples: baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and teach them to obey everything I have commanded you. And I will be with you always, to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28: 19-20)

We celebrate you and your devotion to the tasks ahead of you, as you join with other persons in mission to the Appalachia Service Project. Through the gift of your service and love, you show others the infinite love that God has for all people. This is both a privilege and a responsibility, and we ask that you now publicly affirm your commitment to God’s work. Will you accept the persons whom you serve right where they are and just the way they are?

TEAM: I will, with God’s help.

PASTOR: Will you seek to work in glad cooperation and mutual support with other workers, being sensitive and helpful according to the needs presented to you?

TEAM: I will, with God’s help.

PASTOR: Will you answer God’s call and live in His Word, demonstrating your love of Jesus Christ and the church which you represent?

TEAM: I will, with God’s help.

PASTOR: Do you sincerely believe that the work you are about to undertake is the work of God for our world?

TEAM: I do so believe.

PASTOR: Let us pray: “Almighty God, bless and strengthen these persons we now dedicate and commission for your service. Fill them with your spirit, enrich them with your grace, and strengthen them for the tasks ahead, that as they touch lives, your Name may be glorified.” AMEN

The Commissioning

“ (name) ”, I commission you to share the love of Jesus Christ through your gift of service with the Appalachia Service Project; In the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. AMEN

PASTOR: Sisters and Brothers, I present to you these persons whom we have commissioned to participate in the Appalachia Service Project. They are representatives of Christ and the church. I commend them to you for your love, your care, your prayers, and your support for the work that they will perform.

CONGREGATION: We rejoice to recognize you as representatives of our church, and thank God for your dedication and your gift of service. We send you on with our prayers and our support, and with you, we renew our commitment to God and service in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We pray God’s blessings for you and the Appalachia Service Project. AMEN

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This simple commissioning service for ASP volunteer groups may be used the Sunday prior to your departure. This bulletin insert is designed to be copied on the front and back of a half-page or on one full-page to be folded in half. You may develop your own service; be sure to acknowledge and affirm your group's involvement in missions before your entire church family.