

One Spirit, Different Gifts

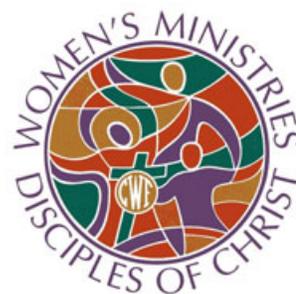
Installation Program



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SCRIPTURE: 1Cor. 12:4-7, I Cor. 13: 1

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are differences of ministries, but, it is the same Lord.

Then there are the diversities of activities, but it is the same God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

..., but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal.

PRAYER:

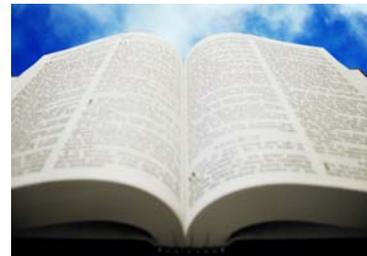
Spirit of truth, Spirit of love, Spirit of Christ, Spirit of God, the Holy Spirit, we honor you for your many gifts to us. Fire our hearts and touch our lips that we may speak and sing forth praise worthy of your great power. Amen.

PURPOSE:

While it may not be possible to “save the entire world”, one can do her part in taking care of her corner of the world. We honor and stand on the shoulders of our “sisters” of the past and focus on God's ability to give us discernment to meet our future.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE LEADER:

1. This service of installation may be incorporated into a worship service. It is suggested that the Worship Director or Minister of Music be included in the planning of the service.
2. The service of installation may also be used in a Women's Ministry meeting/gathering in the church. Make the necessary contacts with the Worship Director/Minister of Music to prevent scheduling conflicts.
3. Utilize all venues to publicize this service. Make this service a celebration of the past years' accomplishments, recognizing those who have given leadership and a new challenge to the incoming board.
4. On the worship table, cover the table with a white cloth. An open Bible, large unity candle representing many gifts, but one Lord.



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Leader: One of the marks of an excellent leader is how he or she brings about transformation in people and organizations.

Read Ephesians 4:1-7)

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with long suffering, bearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all, and in you all. But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift

Leader: Psalm 133. May be said or sung.

Meditation

Leader: We are reminded in Philippians, fourth chapter to be of the same mind in the Lord, and rejoice. Paul knows the importance of teamwork, and encouraged two women to make peace. He didn't say to act uniformly, but rather to be of the same mind. Singing in harmony doesn't mean singing in unison. Harmony means their efforts complement the efforts of others, rather than conflict with them.

Words of Commissioning

(Invite the new officers to come and stand in the front of the group, if they are not already there.)

Leader: We are grateful for your willingness and for your gifts and talents. Though the whole history of our church, women have competent and important leadership... with hearts full of compassion...with minds full of a love of learning...and with lives that reach out to the whole world in acts of ministry and mission.

Let your leadership always be most natural, most effective, and most influential when you lead from your gifts and strengths.

2 Timothy 1:7,8, provides us with what we need to lead. He equipped us with love, power, and a sound mind. As a leader that has said yes, all three are fundamental tools. Love is the relational ingredient that enables us to attract and connect with others. Power is the courage and competence to get the job done and Sound Mind is the perspective and wisdom to grasp a vision and take the right steps. As a chosen leader, you must also reproduce yourself, and impact the next generation.

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New Officers, are you willing to serve in the capacity to which you have been elected or chosen? If so, please answer “Yes, with the help of God.”

New Officers: Yes, with the help of God.

Past officers and members, you have heard the commitment made by your chosen leaders. Will you accept these leaders and support them with prayer, partnership. If you agree, please respond with “Yes, with the help of God.”

All: Yes, with the help of God.