



## **Commitment and Renewal Liturgy** for Silver Chalice Congregations

### **Litany**

Leader: We rejoice to be in ministry with and for older adults.

**People: We recognize the importance and sacredness of their stories.**

Leader: For the stories they tell, the experiences they share, and the lessons they impart,

**People: We are enriched by their knowledge and inspired by their journey.**

Leader: For their steadfast faith and the example they set in times of joy and challenge,

**People: We give thanks for their witness and testimony.**

Leader: For the steps forward made through this Silver Chalice ministry that honors their lives and highlights their many talents,

**People: We rejoice for this opportunity to celebrate them. Praise be to God!**

### **Prayer of Blessing**

With grateful hearts, we give thanks for the blessings of our older adults and the richness they bring to our churches and to the kingdom of God. May we continue to cherish and celebrate them in all that we do. We ask your blessing upon each of these ministries represented here today. We look forward to what the future

holds as we share the joy that comes from holding in the light the gifts, talents, and lessons of older adults in our midst. We ask for continued guidance in our efforts to continue this ministry where we are, and to also bring this ministry to the larger church. In Christ we pray. Amen.

### **Commitment and Renewal Pledge**

Silver Chalice has been on a journey this past year .....

We started with a small idea,

a hopeful idea,

and we prayed about this idea,

and we talked about this idea.

We thought if we got at least 12 congregations we would try a pilot.

We grew.....

To 16 congregations in all and growing.

We are committed to this amazing ministry,

a ministry that enhances and uplifts our older adults,

a ministry that supports and encourages our older adults,

a ministry that continues to be the cheerleaders for our active older adults.

We have achieved a number of milestones this year.....

We have a name.

We have a program.

We have sixteen teams and congregations throughout the country committed to the Silver Chalice Ministry.

We have a logo.

We are known by General Minister and President, Terry Hord Owens.

We have two Regions that have passed resolutions becoming Silver Chalice Regions.

We will be seen at the General Assembly in Memphis.

All of this to say we are still growing and learning.....

We are asking for your renewed commitment as we celebrate and recognize all that Silver Chalice Ministry is doing throughout the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Church.

We are asking for your renewed commitment to your team and your congregation to bring enhanced and uplifted ministry to the older adults through the Silver Chalice Ministry.

Join me in saying:

**We choose to renew our commitment to celebrate, and recognize the Silver Chalice Ministry in our congregation and our community. Amen and Amen!**

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