
Commissioning of Community Leader

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Acknowledgment of Land

Welcome and Introductions



Song:

The Summons - *John L. Bell & Graham Maule*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 29: 11-14

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me.

Quiet Reflection

ILT Representative: Mary, we thank you for your time, commitment and support as leader of this community. We invite you now to hand the symbol that you have chosen of this community to the incoming community leader as a sign of your completion of the role. May the coming months be grace filled for you.

Handing over a symbol of community: *Mary speaks to the symbol as she hands it to Anne.*

Amen we affirm, Amen we encourage, Amen we bless and we celebrate, Amen

Reading from the Constitutions

“In the community the main role of the leader
Is to create bonds of unity among the members”. (6.09)
To choose to be a religious
is, first of all,
to be chosen by God.
It is to be invited, as Abraham and Sarah were (Gen. 12:1)
to leave our country and our family house
and journey to a land we do not know;
like Moses, to follow God’s call through the desert (Exod. 3:19),
up to the mountain of God;
and, as the prophets were,
to be sent by God to proclaim the Word to the nations (Heb. 11:33).
To choose to be a religious

is to be so captivated by Christ's presence that, like the disciples, we cannot leave (Lk. 5:11; 24:29), and having entered into companionship with him, to be sent into the world to glorify God (Lk. 9:2).



Chapter Statement:

**At this time of global vulnerability
God's transforming mercy
fires our hearts anew with
deeper reverence for all creation.
Disturbed by
the despair and suffering of many peoples and
the degradation of Earth,
we are impelled to reflective action for
gospel justice.**

Long dispela taim bilong wol i gat hevi na wari
marimari bilong God i senisim
hat bilong mipela olsem niupela paia
wantaim bikpela ona long olgeta samting.
Plenti ol pipol i tingting long pen na hevi i bagarapim ol
na long ol bagarap ol i mekim long graun bilong mipela,
dispela i kirapim mipela
long lukluk gen long wei na stretpela pasin bilong gutnius.

Commissioning of the Community Leader:

Presentation of Chapter candle

ILT Representative: Anne, receive this light as a sign of your acceptance of the role of community leader knowing you have our support and the support of your sisters.

Community Leader: I accept this role of community leader and ask that you, my sisters, engage with me in strengthening the bonds of unity among us for the life of the world.



Blessing:

May this time of leadership be a blessing for you,
awakening and confirming the gifts
God calls forth
in you and in our Institute.

Amen we affirm, Amen we encourage, Amen we bless and we celebrate, Amen

May the times that feel like sacrifice and loneliness,
remind you of the abundant love of God,
giving you the faith, courage and strength
for all that comes your way.

Amen we affirm, Amen we encourage, Amen we bless and we celebrate, Amen

May your own vulnerability
be your gift to us,
allowing you to be the essence of goodness
God created you to be;

calling us forth in known and new ways
to be Mercy
with each other and within our world.

**Amen we affirm, Amen we encourage, Amen we bless and we
celebrate, Amen**

Prayer: Fire our hearts anew, Creator God, call us to be an authentic
sign of your love and mercy. Grant us generosity of spirit. Bless us with
all we need for our life together at this time. In your Son's name we pray.
Amen.

Final Song:

Come! Live in the light!
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom,
to live in the freedom of the city of God!

We are called to act with justice.
We are called to love tenderly.
We are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless,
so all hatred and blindness will be no more!

We are called...

Sing! Sing a new song!
Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers
united in love!

We are called....

- David Haas



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