

Reminder from God's Word

It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. It was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and who repays in their own person those who reject him. He does not delay but repays in their own person those who reject him. Therefore, observe diligently the commandment—the statutes and the ordinances—that I am commanding you today. (Deut 7:7-11 NRSV)

This entire commandment that I command you today you must diligently observe, so that you may live and increase, and go in and occupy the land that the LORD promised on oath to your ancestors. Remember the long way that the LORD your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, in order to humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commandments. He humbled you by letting you hunger, then by feeding you with manna, with which neither you nor your ancestors were acquainted, in order to make you

understand that one does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD. (Deut 8: 1-3 NRSV)

I invite those that will serving as executive members of this (presbyterial, synodical) to come forward.

Dedication

To the congregation

Leader: Do you, the members of the Women's Missionary Society, confirm the call of God to these, our sisters (and brothers), in the service of Jesus Christ?

Congregation: We do.

Leader: Will you support them and encourage them in this ministry?

Congregation: With the help of God, we will.

To the executive

Leader: Will you serve Women's Missionary Society with energy, intelligence, imagination and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Officers: With the help of God, I will.

Commissioning Prayer

Leader: Faithful God, in baptism, you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit, you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading these women to this time and place. Grant them the gifts of discernment and wisdom, compassion and courage, strength and endurance. Surround them with communities of women and men who pray for them, encourage them and support their leadership. May their days of laughter and fulfillment be many and their seasons of struggle and sorrow be short. As they serve you and your people in faithfulness, may they bring glory, honour and praise to you, the one Triune God, now and forever, amen.

Charge and Benediction

“Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer” (Rom. 12:9-12).

Commissioning Service

Women’s Missionary Society

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“I will Take
you as my own
People, and I
will be your
GOD. Then you
will know that
I am the LORD
your GOD, who
brought you out
from under the
yoke of the
EGYPTIANS.”

Exodus 6:7