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## Commissioning Service

The following commissioning service may be used for synod and presbytery representatives to the triennial Business Meeting of Presbyterian Women and for participants in the Gathering. As time and attendance allow, you may wish to omit commissioning leaders who are not present at the service.

*One person will be needed to read the part of the presenter.  
Plan to have room enough for those attending the Gathering to come forward to face those assembled.*

### Gathering Scripture

Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love.—1 Corinthians 16:13–14 (NIV)

### Commissioning the Synod PW Moderator

*Presenter calls the synod PW moderator.*

(Name) is our synod PW moderator. She will represent (synod name) at the 2024 Business Meeting of Presbyterian Women. She will represent us and be our voice. She will share our interests and concerns. With careful study and thoughtful prayer, she will help determine the agenda and budget for Presbyterian Women for 2024–2027. (Names), please come forward.

### Commissioning the Presbytery PW Moderator and Voting Representatives

*Presenter calls the presbytery PW moderator and the voting representatives.*

(Name) is our presbytery PW moderator and (Name(s)) is/are our voting representative(s). They will represent (presbytery name) at the 2024 Business Meeting of Presbyterian Women. They will represent us and be our voice. They will share our interests and concerns. With careful study and thoughtful prayer, they will help determine the agenda and budget for Presbyterian Women for 2024–2027. (Names), please come forward.

*Presenter speaks to those who have come forward.*

You will be our voice and you will convey our concerns; you will be our heart and you will express our devotion; you will be our mind and you will reflect our mission. Please respond “I do” to the following requests for service.

Do you willingly accept these responsibilities?

Do you promise to communicate our needs as you understand them?

You have now been commissioned as our representatives to the 2024 Business Meeting. May your witness at the Business Meeting embody being firm in faith and doing everything in love. We pray that through our shared faith in Jesus Christ you share God’s enduring love with the world. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, know that your presence and participation in the Business Meeting will strengthen the Body of Christ for the sake of the gospel and the benefit of all.

## Blessing Gathering Participants

*Presenter to those assembled:*

Will all others who will attend the 2024 Gathering of Presbyterian Women please come forward? (pause as they gather)

*Presenter to attendees:*

You have a wonderful opportunity to experience the excitement of worshiping with sisters and siblings in faith from across the country. Enjoy the music, lift up the needs of the world in prayer, ponder the issues and challenges that will be brought before you, listen carefully to the message of unity in the Body of Christ and be delighted in learning new ways to express your faith. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, bring home with you new views of service and ideas to share with others.

Please respond “I do” to the following invitations for your Gathering participation.

Do you pledge to represent us well by interacting with other women from around the globe in Christian love and friendship?

Do you promise to attend the 2024 Gathering with enthusiasm and seek to experience all that it has to offer you, for your own benefit as well as that of Presbyterian Women?

## Closing

*Presenter to all:*

Let us pray.

O Holy One, we thank you for the blessings that we find in Presbyterian Women and for the opportunities it offers us to be in your service. We thank you for the excitement and challenges of the Churchwide Gathering. We pray, loving God, that you will find delight in the efforts of those who have planned the meeting.

We ask your blessings on these representatives who will attend the Gathering on our behalf.

Guide our voting representatives in their decision-making. Encourage them as they deliberate the issues, and help them to find just and peaceful answers to the issues they consider. Empower them to return home with energy to spread the hope that they surely will experience.

Open the eyes and hearts of those attending the Gathering to what you would have them see and do. We pray that the Holy Spirit will give them a voice to tell of their experiences and of the Unity of the Body of Christ that they felt among the many gathered.

Bless all who are gathered here, that we may be assured that through our faith in Christ and through the power of the Holy Spirit we are one. In the name of our Jesus the Christ we pray. Amen.