

**Protestant Women of the Chapel
Installation Ceremony
"We Are Workers Together"**

In preparation for this ceremony, have the PWOC logo enlarged to poster board size. This can be done at most copy shops. Cut the logo into 5 pieces, one piece to be given to each of the 5 outgoing executive board members. Each office will have a corresponding scripture to be read during the ceremony. On the back of each logo piece, place a copy of the respective verse to be read for each office. Also to the back of each piece, affix two sided tape. These will be placed onto the "blank poster on an easel at the front of the room.

Print small cards with Psalm 90:16-17 written on them to be passed to each lady upon arrival. These will be used for responsive reading at the end of the installation ceremony.

Chaplain: We are gathered together today to install the newly selected officers of the Protestant Women of the Chapel. Within this ceremony we desire to extol the importance of the work of Christian women like yourselves. The gifts, deeds and prayers of Christian women in the Bible such as Anna, Tabitha and Lydia have furthered the cause of Christ throughout the history of the Church. We are grateful for the vision and the faithfulness of Christian women who, in the past, have served gladly. Today we come together to express our gratitude to God for giving us these women on our board who have faithfully and creatively set an example of working together for Christ.

Will the outgoing officers please come forward?

(Outgoing board members come forward.)

Chaplain delivers the following charge to the outgoing board: Ephesians 2:10 says, "[W]e are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Before the foundations of the earth, God's plan for you was laid out. Today marks the finishing point of just one of these "good works," your service as executive board members of this PWOC.

When finishing a masterpiece, artisans "sign" their work with a special mark or signature. The master stone cutter leaves a deep imprint in the stone, the potter scratches a mark within the clay, and the painter not only signs the work, but even the brushstrokes reveal the identity of the artist. The intention is for the mark to become permanent so others will recognize the work of the designer. Throughout this year of service, we have seen the mark of the Master Designer upon your lives and within your spirits and your love and ministry toward us has left an indelible mark upon our hearts as well. Thank you.

I now challenge you to search your lives for ways of putting to use the experience you have gained. I pray that the memories of these experiences will give you confidence to step out boldly to continue to serve in your chapel and community and to continue working together for Christ. As Paul urged Timothy in 1 Tim. 4:12, I encourage you to continue to "set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

Will the incoming board please come forward?

(Incoming board members come forward and line up opposite their counterparts on the outgoing board.)

Chaplain delivers the following charge to the incoming board: Listen to the Word of God. "There are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all. But the manifestation of the

Spirit is given to each one for the profit of all....But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills." (I Cor. 12:4-7,11)

Each of you has been uniquely shaped by God to do the work of this ministry. You have been given spiritual gifts as a means for helping this PWOC body. God has given you different passions and motivations to meet the needs of others. He has given you unique abilities to match your calling, to be used for the glory of God. You each have a different personality, reflecting the depth and variety of God's personality. And you come to this board with a variety of personal experiences to be shared, built upon, and used to encourage others.

As you have accepted this call to leadership for the (upcoming year) term, you will become an example for others to see the workmanship of Christ in your lives and we will be encouraged by you to imitate that work. I charge you now to "be imitators of God as dear children." (Eph. 5:12)

(Incoming President), you have chosen to give yourself as an example of godly, servant leadership as President. You have been set apart by these women and by God to do what is in His plan. Will you use this opportunity to the best of your ability to lead others toward Christ and His work, prayerfully striving to fulfill Christ's purposes for this PWOC chapter this coming year? Will you trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for strength and guidance, and will you faithfully and lovingly fulfill the duties of the president of the (Installation) PWOC? If so, respond, "With the help of God, I will."

(Incoming President): With the help of God, I will.

(Outgoing President passes her piece of the logo to the incoming President saying, "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." I Pet. 4:10 Incoming President places logo on the poster board on the easel.)

Chaplain: (Incoming VP Spiritual Life), as 1st Vice President in charge of Spiritual Life, you have chosen to give yourself to the work of PWOC through praying for and assisting your President, and you will be responsible to step into her position should she no longer be able to perform her duties. You have also chosen to give yourself to the work of edifying the body of Christ which will ultimately increase His kingdom and to help women grow in their relationship with God through prayer and studying God's Word. You will help provide women with challenges and opportunities to grow spiritually. Will you promise to lay the foundation of this work in prayer and with the council of the Holy Spirit? If so, respond, "With the help of God, I will."

(Incoming VP Spiritual Life): With the help of God, I will.

(Outgoing VP Spiritual Life passes her piece of the logo to the incoming VP Spiritual Life saying, "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth." 2 Tim. 2:15 Incoming VP Spiritual Life places logo on the poster board on the easel.)

Chaplain: (Incoming VP Programs), as 2nd VP in charge of Programs, you have chosen to give yourself to the work of PWOC through planning and implementing programs which will invite us to see God's character and experience His acceptance. Will you promise to use your gifts in God's service, seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit and will you be an example of God's character and testimony? If so, respond, "With the help of God, I will."

(Incoming VP Programs): With the help of God, I will.

(Outgoing VP Programs passes her piece of the logo to the incoming VP Programs saying, "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give

up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” Heb. 10:24-25 Incoming VP Programs places logo on the poster board on the easel.)

Chaplain: (Incoming Administrative Coordinator), you have chosen to give yourself to the work of this PWOC as Administrative Coordinator. You will have the opportunity to recount God’s history of the work of this body, by recording the plans and accomplishments of this chapter. You will enable officers, committee chairpersons, and all participants to use their time and talents effectively in the Lord’s service. Will you accept this responsibility to show God’s excellent work in a spirit of dedication and humility? If so, respond, “With the help of God, I will.”

(Incoming Administrative Coordinator): With the help of God, I will.

(Outgoing Administrative Coordinator passes her piece of the logo to the incoming Administrative Coordinator saying, “Whatever you do, whether in word or in deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.” Col. 3:17 Incoming Administrative Coordinator places logo on the poster board on the easel.)

Chaplain: (Incoming Financial Liaison), as Financial Liaison, you have chosen to give yourself to this PWOC as a steward of God’s abundant resources. You will coordinate all monetary transactions according to the (Installation) Chaplain Tithes and Offerings Fund and the needs of the (Installation) PWOC and, more importantly, you will encourage this body of women to give wisely and cheerfully. Will you accept this responsibility and promise to perform this task according to God’s will, being an example of God’s stewardship? If so, respond, “With the help of God, I will.”

(Incoming Financial Liaison): With the help of God, I will.

(Outgoing Financial Liaison passes her piece of the logo to the incoming Financial Liaison saying, “Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.” I Tim. 6:17-19 Incoming Financial Liaison places logo on the poster board on the easel.)

Chaplain: Will all the ladies here please stand? It is the responsibility of each of you as PWOC members to see that your new board members are supported in the work of this chapter. Philippians 1:6 says, “He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.” Jesus said to His disciples in the book of John, “I have given you an example that you should do as I have done to you. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.” (John 13:15, 34-35) The PWOC motto is “We are workers together for Christ.” As such, you will be asked to perform many tasks which will contribute to the functioning of the whole body. As you share in this work, you will foster love and understanding within this fellowship. You will have a great influence on those around you. Will you promise to pray for the ladies on this board, to work together with them, and to be a reflection of Christ’s love and devotion? Please respond by reading together Psalm 90:16-17.

Everyone Responds: May Your deeds be shown to your servants, Your splendor to their children. May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—Yes, establish the work of our hands. (Psalm 90:16-17)

(Chaplain will close the installation service with prayer.)