

## United Women in Faith Organized for Mission: An Installation Service

February 17, 2011

**Preparation:** Obtain candles for each of the new and continuing UWF officers. Whether a member or not, everyone in the gathering should have a copy of this installation service. Get current financial information from "Where the Money Goes" packet.1 Be sure to get the name of each officer and the office to which they have been elected.

(Call those to be installed to the front by name and office)

**Leader:** You are elected leaders of our local United Women in Faith. It is a great missional responsibility. You are inheritors before you are leaders.

**Officers:** We celebrate the accomplishments of all those who have worked for our unit in the past years. We also remember the hard times and the success stories of our foremothers.

All United Women in Faith: We are here to celebrate and witness as women organized for mission.

**Leader:** As elected leaders of the local United Women in Faith, you become part of the local leadership of more than 25,000 local units in our country.

**Officers:** We celebrate our connectional system. We honor the trust and stewardship entrusted to us through our offices.

All UWF: The organized unit of United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose PURPOSE is to know God.

**Leader:** Your pledge to service and pledge to mission link you, as a local United Woman in Faith, with more than 50,000 congregations around the world.

**Officers:** We celebrate the global sisterhood and brotherhood made possible through mission. A light set upon a hill cannot be hidden.

All UWF: Those who experience freedom as whole persons through Christ cannot hide their light under a bushel.

**Leader:** We are here to celebrate and witness the United Women in Faith's historical commitment for over 130 years to ministry with women and children and youth.

Officers: We offer our ministry to enable missional support to women, children, and youth.

All UWF: We will strive to develop a creative, supportive fellowship to undergird our historical commitment to our ministry with women, children, and youth.

Leader: God of mission calls us to a renewed discipleship as followers of Christ.

**Officers:** We pledge ourselves to renewed discipleship as followers of Christ.

All UWF: We pledge ourselves to renewed discipleship in Christ to expand concepts of mission through the global ministries of the church.

**Leader:** As a token of your commitment to the Purpose of the United Women in Faith, please light your candles from this lighted candle.

(Give a flame to the first person in the line, who passes it to the next, and on down the line)

**Leader:** As you light your candles, I am reminded of the awesome commitment and support of the United Women in Faith to mission. Women give \_\_\_\_ cents each second to support mission through the Women's Division, in this country and around the world; \$\_\_\_ for one minute; \$\_\_\_ for five minutes; \$\_\_\_ for one hour; \$\_\_ for one day; \$\_\_\_ for this year.\* We affirm this major contribution of yours to mission here and around the world, Let your candles, your lights so shine before men, women, children, and youth that they may glorify God.

Officers & All UWF: We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

**Leader:** May the God of our foremothers who sustains us in this mission continue to bless you, keep you, and nudge you to greater possibilities. Amen.

All: Amen.

\*Please refer to the most recent information on the Resources page.

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