

DEDICATION OF CHURCH COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dearly beloved in Christ, you as individuals and as a group have accepted the privilege and responsibility of being a member of the church committee. You have been chosen to serve this church family in a special way by assuming an important task in the life of this church. You are pledging with each other, to this church and to the Church of South India to be patient with each other and with the passing of time that you will be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in all you do, speak and decide.

Let us pray

Almighty God, giver of all good things, who by your one spirit have appointed a diversity of ministries in your church, mercifully behold these your servants now called to the office of church committee; and so replenish them with the truth of your Gospel, adorn them with innocence of life, and fill them with the power of your Holy Spirit, that both by word and good example, they may faithfully and joyfully serve you, to the glory of your name and the building up of you church, through the merits of our savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, world without end. Amen

Minister to the church committee members:

Question:

Do you believe, so far as you know your own heart, that God has called you to the office and work as a committee member of this church?

Answer: I believe that God has called me.

Question:

Will you be diligent in prayer, reading the Holy Scriptures, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and lead a prayerful and disciplined life according to the way of Christ so as to guide your family and uphold the truth of the gospel in witnessing Christ?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper

Question:

Will you promote unity, peace and love among all the people of God, and especially among those whom you serve?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper.

Question:

You believe that you are called to exercise this ministry within the church of South India; will you accept the disciplines and constitution of your church, diocese and Church of South India and submit yourselves and keep the sanctity of your ministry, strengthening Christian fellowship and being a sincere helping hand to your minister?

Answer: I will, the Lord being my helper.

[Congregation may stand and say together]

Beloved, God has answered your vows and we have witnessed it. With all our hearts and minds we also renew our part in the covenant that God has made with God's people. We promise our prayers, help and support to you. On behalf of this congregation and in the name of Jesus Christ we accept you as members of church committee of this congregation. We give the right hand of fellowship to you by understanding your obligations and responsibilities. Let us serve together, and in serving each other may the almighty prepare us to reach the fellowship in high with his saints. Amen.

All kneel down

Minister:

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty and merciful Lord, you have called your church to glorify your name and with that great mercy you have received us into the loving fellowship. We thank you lord for having called your people as fellow workers to serve along with you. We commit these servants into your mighty hands. Lord, fill them with your holy spirit so that they may be able to serve you in trust and love. Fill them with your grace so that they may be able to witness the love, sacrifice and the spirit of patience through their words and deeds. Grant your servants the continued air of your Holy Spirit, that abiding with us in the fellowship of your Holy church, they may remain faithful in your service and obtain your promises, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the same spirit, ever one God, world without end . Amen.

The presbyter, by laying his hand upon them

I dedicate you and admit you into the fellowship of the Church committee of the CSI Parish Dubai in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Benediction:

Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak, and help the suffering; honor all people; love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit and may the blessing of God almighty, the father, the son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.