

Installation of Association Leadership

Will newly elected members please come forward

Affirmation of Ministry

Affirmation of ministry is the rite which recognizes the diverse gifts of its members and celebrates the particular ministry to which each person is called. These persons standing before you have accepted the call to serve in leadership for our Association.

Sisters and brothers in Christ, it is a honor to be entrusted with the responsibility to lead our association(s). Having prayerfully considered the duties and responsibilities of your ministry, are you prepared to serve with the help of God, in Christ's name? **I am.**

Do you promise to exercise your ministry diligently and faithfully, showing forth the love of Christ? **I do, relying on God's grace.**

Members of the Eastern Ohio and Western Reserve Associations, you have heard the promises of our brothers and sisters in Christ who have answered God's call to service. Let us affirm our intention to live in covenant with them. Please rise in body and or spirit and witness to the commitment we now make.

All: We gather in the celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus the Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray: Eternal God, you have called these people to serve you in this setting of the United Church of Christ and in the world which you have entrusted to our care and keeping. Send your Holy Spirit on them that they may serve among us with honor and faithfulness. Help them to be diligent in their duties that your church may prosper in the mission you place before it. May their example prove worthy for all of to follow, as we are united in Christ's ministry to the glory of your name.

and let the people of God say **AMEN**