

**Liturgy Installing New [Name of Organization] Board  
Members  
Installation Date**

[Please join in corporate responses printed in bold type.]

*Opening Sentences*

*Past Board President*

O God, open my lips.

**And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Praise to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever.**

**Amen.**

*Opening Hymn "We Gather Together"*

We gather together to ask for God's blessing,

To turn to a wisdom surpassing our own;

The pow'rs that oppress us now cease to distress us.

O God, be present with us, and make your will known.

Beside us to guide us, O God, we perceive you

Ordaining, maintaining the power of life.

Yes, yours be the glory; let all tell the story.

Our God, be ever with us, in gladness and strife.

May all sing your praises, Redeemer triumphant,

Defend us, befriend us, whatever may be.

May your congregation escape tribulation.

Your name be praised forever, O God, make us free!

*Litany of Ministry*

*Executive Director*

O God, who humbled yourself in service, shape us for your ministry.

**Claim us, O God, for your service, and direct us toward your will.**

You have given gifts of the Spirit to fulfill the vocation of governance:

to build bonds of trust and reflect the collegial nature of theological education,

to be stewards of this association and its well-being by exercising proper fiduciary responsibility,

to ensure structures for evaluation and planning that assure faithful implementation of the organization's purpose, priorities, and commitments,

to affirm the good that is done, ask thoughtful questions, challenge problematic situations, and reframe thinking to make sense in a new way,

to exercise faithful leadership and delegate authority commensurate with responsibilities on behalf of the purpose of theological schools.

**You have granted each of us gifts for the common good.**

Through your grace, O God, may we lead a life worthy of the vocation to which you call us.

**Claim us, O God, for your service, and direct us toward your will.**

*Statement of Purpose*

New board members are invited forward

Executive Director

*Installation of New Board Members*

Past Board President

You have been elected by the member **[name of organization]** of this Association to this Board of Directors. You have been called to the task of leadership, of administration, and of care for schools that serve wide and divergent communities of faith. You have been called to work on behalf of **communities** whose sacred mission differs from your own vision of faith. You have been elected to the task of serving the common good of divergent visions of faith.

There are different gifts,

**But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**To use it for the common good.**

**[Names of new board members]**, do you believe yourself called to a special work. Are you willing to be installed as members of the Board and officers of **[name of organization]**? **We do.**

Do you welcome this responsibility? **We do.**

Will you serve these schools, and thereby the church and the world, with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in God's promises? **We do.**

Do the continuing board members and professional staff of **[name of organization]** accept **[names of new board members]** as called by God to board leadership and welcome them as our colleagues in this service? **We do.**

*Prayer*

God of Grace, who calls us into a common ministry, give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world. **Amen.**

**[Names of new board members]** you are now installed as members of the board of directors of **[name of organization]**. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in service, giving thanks to God. **Amen.**