

Commissioning of people appointed and elected to office at the 162nd Convention of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

The Bishop says

My siblings in Christ, we are all baptized by the one Spirit into one Body, and given gifts for a variety of ministries for the common good. Our purpose is to commission these persons in the Name of God and of this assembly to a special ministry to which they are called.

Canon I present to you these persons to be admitted to their appointed diocesan ministries, these persons elected as members of the Disciplinary Board, and these persons elected as members of the Council of Trustees.

The Bishop asks the Canon as sponsor

Are these persons you are to present prepared by a commitment to Christ as Lord, by regular attendance at worship, and by the knowledge of their duties, to exercise their ministry to the honor of God, and the well-being of his Church?

Canon I believe they are.

The Bishop then says to those being commissioned

You have been called to a ministry in this diocese. Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, perform it with diligence?

Candidate I will.

Bishop Will you faithfully and reverently execute the duties of your ministry to the honor of God, and the benefit of the members of the Episcopal Diocese of Kansas?

Candidate I will.

Bishop You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servants whom I have chosen. Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name:

People *Make known his deeds among the peoples.*

Bishop Let us pray.

Have regard to our supplication, O gracious Lord, and confirm with your heavenly benediction your servants commissioned to minister in your Church, that with sincere devotion of mind and body they may offer acceptable service to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People *Amen.*