

## **CEREMONY FOR INSTALLATION OF LAY MINISTRY OFFICERS**

The Pastor, Presiding Elder, Regional, District, or Connectional Lay officer should conduct the ceremony. All elected lay officers should stand together during the ceremony.

**Leader:** Local Lay Ministry Officers should commit themselves to the following ideals:

1. To serve the Lord Jesus Christ and assist in ministry to all the people of God supporting kindred interest in the church.
2. To diligently seek the will of the Lord and pursue only the means of grace which contribute to consistent personal spiritual growth for the entire household of faith.
3. To share in lay ministry and assist in bringing about transformation from membership to Discipleship.
4. To study the Bible showing one's self a worker of God so as to encourage the faithful, strengthen the weak, and help win others.
5. To acquire vital knowledge of the doctrine, history and polity of the CME Church.

As officers of this Local Church, will you exemplify these ideals in your personal lives and be diligent in your efforts to help members of the organization of which you represent to live accordingly?

**Officers:** All this we solemnly promise to do.

**Leader:** Will you cheerfully and diligently perform your duties? Will you regard the office as a sacred trust and consciously strive continually seek to justify the confidence of those responsible for your election? Will you strive to be an example for other believers in: word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, and in purity?

**Officers:** By God's help we will.

**Leader:** May the peace of God be with you, Amen.