

Called to Lead

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Leader: Today we gather to bless and to encourage those who have been chosen to give leadership to our group for the coming year.
[Name the women who are being installed as officers.]
You stand in a long line of faithful witnesses who have said yes to the call to serve God and one another,
and for that we offer you our thanks and pledge our support.

Group: Like Sarah, you are called to have faith in the One who has chosen you to be part of the leadership team for our group.
Like Miriam, you are called to lead us in giving thanks and praise for all that God has done and is doing in the life of our group.
Like Deborah, you are called to exercise wisdom and use good judgment as you carry out your tasks as leaders of our group.
Like Mary and Martha, you are called to listen and to learn as you offer yourselves in service to our group.
Like Lydia, you are called, openly and freely, to exercise your gifts and to use your skills to guide and direct our group.
Like Priscilla, you are called to lead our group in mission as we share the joy and hope we have through our Lord Jesus Christ.

New leaders: As these witnesses who have gone before us,
so we too commit ourselves for service and ministry in our group.
We honor the gifts that God has given us,
and accept our call to leadership.
We ask for your prayers as we take on new roles and begin new tasks.

Group: We promise to uphold you in prayer and commission you with this blessing:
May the Lord bless you and keep you;
May the Lord's face shine upon you and be gracious to you,
May the Lord's face be lifted up to you and give you peace. Amen. *(Num. 6:24-26, paraphrased)*