



**PRESBYTERY OF GIDDINGS-LOVEJOY
227TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
COMMISSIONING SERVICE**

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP:

(Leader) We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

(All) The great ends of the church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the kingdom of Heaven to the world.

(Leader) The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

(Leader) The grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ. God has called you to particular service. Show your purpose by answering these questions:

CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS:

(Leader) Who is your Lord and Savior?

(Commissioners) Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

(Leader) Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

(Commissioners) I will, with God's help.

(Leader) Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

(Commissioners) I do.

(Leader) Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

(Commissioners) I will, with God's help.

(Leader) Do we, as members of the Presbytery of Giddings-Lovejoy, accept these brothers and

sisters as commissioners and advisory delegates to the **227th General Assembly**, chosen by God through the voice of the church, to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

(All) We do.

(Leader) Do we promise to support and encourage them as they seek to fulfill their responsibilities in this ministry?

(All) We do.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER:

(Leader) Let us pray:

(All) Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples, and by the Holy Spirit, make them one church to serve you. Be with members of the General Assembly. Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world and to respect old things you keep and use. In their deliberation, bring about what is best for us and for all people. As they meet, let your Holy Spirit guide so that the whole church may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

CHARGE:

(Leader): You are commissioned to service as commissioners and advisory delegate to the **227th General Assembly** of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Whatever you do, in word and deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

-- Colossians 3:17