

Commissioning of Church School Staff

*Following the sermon, children and youth either remain or come to the front and stand facing the congregation.
Teachers come forward, gathering in the side aisles.*

All children and youth: At our baptism, you promised “to do all in your power to support us in our life in Christ.” Do you renew that promise?

Congregation: We do.

Teachers form a line across the front, facing children and youth.

All children and youth: As our teachers, do you promise to care for us and learn with us?

Teachers: We do.

Young person A: Will you nurture in us the desire to know and love God?

Teachers: We will.

Young person B: Will you nurture in us the courage to seek and find God in all times and places?

Teachers: We will.

Young person C: Will you nurture in us the gift of joy and wonder in all God’s works?

Teachers: We will.

The children and youth lay hands on the teachers.

Presider: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in these your servants the covenant you made with them at their baptism. Send them forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Congregation: AMEN.

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