

# **INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE OFFICERS**

## **OF A UNITED METHODIST MEN'S UNIT OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**THE INVITATION:**  
**(Installing Officer)**

You, who have been chosen as officers of the United Methodist Men's Unit for the year 20\_\_\_\_, please present yourselves for installation into the high calling to serve God, His Church, His men.

**THE CHARGE**  
**(Installing Officer)**

I require and charge each of you to remember that loyalty alone to "Jesus Christ as Lord" will sustain you as you undertake your task in 20\_\_\_\_. You have been selected by your fellow members to be officers of the Organization. Your election indicates that the members of this Organization recognize your qualities for leadership. They will expect you to give real leadership in your particular office. It's an honor to be chosen but the acceptance brings with it grave responsibilities. From now on, you will be expected to work together as a team under the guidance of Jesus Christ. You will be expected to serve the best interests of our Lord, and of those who have elected you. In every decision that you make you will need to consider whether your action benefits the Organization and advances the cause of Christ.

Will you hear and respond to these three primary obligations:

**OBLIGATION I:**  
**(Installing Officer)**

The Organization of United Methodist Men of the United Methodist Church holds at its foundation the knowledge that "Jesus Christ is Lord". As an officer you will be expected to acknowledge Him as your Lord, both privately and publicly. Will you strive to hold before you at all times this need to model your life by His life and to make your total life a witness to Him?

**THE OFFICERS' RESPONSE:**  
**(in unison)**

We will, with the help of Christ, our leader.

**OBLIGATION II:**  
(Installation Officer)

As an officer you will need to set an example, so that others will know that you are willing to do whatever you ask of them. It will be assumed that you will attend all meetings of this organization, giving it your priority time while serving in this leadership role. Are you willing to meet with the organization and work with its committees so that together you might advance the Kingdom of God on earth?

**THE OFFICERS' RESPONSE:**  
(in unison)

This we will strive to do, to the best of our abilities, Christ being our Leader.

**OBLIGATION III:**  
(Installing Officer)

It may be that there will be some other activity that will conflict with the work of this organization. Will you, as an officer, put this responsibility you now assume as a priority with your time?

**THE OFFICERS' RESPONSE:**  
(in unison)

In accepting my office, I also accept the responsibility it involves.

(Note: Ask officers to turn and face the congregation/group or stand to the side of installing officer. Ask membership to stand.)

**THE INSTALLING OFFICER:**  
(To The Membership)

I present to you those whom you have chosen to be your leaders for the year, 20\_\_\_. In your presence they have assumed the responsibility to lead you and to serve you. The officers will be as great as the members of the group expect them to be. Upon you, too, there is responsibility to assist them when they call upon you, to attend the meetings and other activities of the Organization, and to rededicate yourselves in service to Jesus Christ, our Lord. Your leaders can do little without prayers, devotion, loyalty and cooperation. These officers are dependent upon you. Will you stand in support of these officers and in rededication of your lives to the principle that "Jesus Christ is Lord"?

**MEMBERSHIP'S RESPONSE:**  
(in unison)

We will, God being our helper.

**PRAYER:**