

INSTALLATION COVENANT OF LEADERSHIP

FOR LOCH RAVEN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Charge: (Pastor George)

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 2018. You have been selected by your fellow members to be officers of this church. Your election indicates that the members of this church 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 church and advances the cause of Christ.

Will you hear and respond to these three primary obligations?

Obligation 1: (Pastor George)

Loch Raven 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 make your total life a witness to Him?

The Officers’ Response: (in unison)

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

Obligation II (Pastor George)

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 ministry 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 (Pastor George)

It may be that there will be some other activity that will conflict with the work of this church.

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.

(Ask officers to turn and face the congregation and ask the congregation to stand)

The Installing Officer (to the congregation)

I present to you those whom you have chosen to be your leaders for the year 2018. 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 ministry and church 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 ministry, 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."?

Congregation response: (in unison)

We will, God being our helper.

Prayer for Leadership