

**Anglican Church Women (ACW)**  
**Diocese of Central Newfoundland**  
**INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS**

**RECTOR:** Let us join together to pledge our support to one another, as the people of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland, as leaders of the Anglican Church, as people of God who share a common commitment to ministry.

*Congregation please stand*

**RECTOR:** LET US AFFIRM OUR BELIEF.

**ALL:** We believe that God is present and alive in our world today.

We believe we are linked with God, as our creator and through our identity in Jesus Christ.

We believe that God's power working through us completed our development as human beings.

We recognize that each day calls us to new heights, new experiences and new revelations of God and God's purpose for us.

We are thankful that we belong to the church, the body of Christ which calls us to worship and witness.

We acknowledge that our witness with Christ in God calls us to be partners in service.

We acknowledge the many unprecedented gifts of our time which have enabled us to accomplish much for the advancement of humanity.

We rely on God's power to help us to use these gifts to give new life to all our brothers and sisters.

We know that our common identity with Christ will sustain us as we continue on our journey together.

*Congregation please be seated.*

**RECTOR:        *READS FIRST NAMES -***

As leaders of Anglican Church Women, you are called to take up certain responsibilities in the service of God and the people of God. We ask you to give prayerful thought and attention to the goals you set, the love and harmony that exists among you and to the development of the talent of every member of the Christian community. We ask you to commit yourselves to the work of the Parish Groups.

We remind you and ourselves that good work and financial returns must never be at the expense of mutual respect and courtesy.

We remind you and ourselves that your responsibilities will be not only to accomplish projects but also to grow as individuals in the knowledge and love of God.

I ask you to commit yourselves to these responsibilities that all of us may receive strength for the tasks we are called to do.

**RECTOR AND EXECUTIVE OF ACW:**

We ask your strength, O Lord that we may work with diligence, cheerfulness and love. Lord, help us to know the joy of serving others and that the family of God may be united in loving service. Lord, help us to give and receive love that we may be faithful in our commitment. We pledge the efforts of our hearts, our heads and our hands.

**RECTOR:**        Lord, you have promised to all who call on you that they will receive enough strength for their needs: we ask that this Executive chosen, committed and willing, may receive daily strength for their daily needs.

**ALL:**        AMEN

*Congregation please stand*

**RECTOR:**        The members of the executive have made their pledge of faithful leadership. Their efforts alone can never bring about the results we seek. Only as we are joined together as a community in love and service can we achieve the goals of which we are capable. I ask you, therefore, to make an equal pledge of loyalty and support that we may be one in purpose and dedication, as we accept those whom we have chosen for leadership.

**ALL:**        We pledge ourselves to support them in love.

**RECTOR:** Realizing that God calls all people to committed service.

**ALL:** We ask God's help as we commit ourselves to discover the many opportunities for useful service.

**RECTOR:** Blessed Lord, you brought your disciples together to be the Church, the people of God; we ask you to look now upon these disciples who are before you.

Accept and bless the commitment they have made and give them your strength so that their pledge may be fulfilled.

**ALL:** We ask your blessing Lord, upon our work. We do not ask that you do it for us but instead, give us a constant vision and the knowledge that we are doing the work you would have us do, so that your name will be honored and your children served.

Through Christ, our Lord. AMEN

**RECTOR:** The blessing of the God of Sarah and of Abraham. The blessing of the Son born of the woman Mary. The blessing of the Holy Spirit who watches over us as a mother over her children; be with you all. AMEN

**RECTOR:** Go into the world in peace. Be brave. Keep hold of what is good. Never pay back wrong for wrong. Encourage the fainthearted. Support the weak and the distressed. Give due honour to everyone. Be always joyful. Pray continually. Give thanks, whatever happens, for this is what God in Christ wills for you. AMEN