

Western North Carolina Association Board of Directors  
Affirmation of Ministry

Rev. Rhyme: These people have been called by God,  
in accordance with the faith and order of this  
Association, to serve among us.  
They have accepted their call  
And are before us in witness to their  
willingness to serve.

Sisters and Brothers in Christ,  
it is an honor to be entrusted  
with responsibility for particular service  
in the ministry of the Association  
whether gathered or scattered.

Serving on the Board of Directors  
is a sacred and holy task.  
You are charged with the governance  
of this great Association.

Having prayerfully considered the duties  
and responsibilities of board membership,  
are you prepared to serve  
with the help of God  
in Christ's name and for the glory of God?

Board: I am.

Rev. Rhyme: Do you promise to exercise your role  
diligently and faithfully,  
showing forth the love of Christ?

Board: I do, relying on God's grace.

Rev. Rhyme: Members of this great Association  
You have heard the promises  
of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ  
who have answered God's call to service.  
Let us affirm our intention  
to live in covenant with them.  
Will those who are able rise and witness  
to the covenant we now make?

\*Gathering:  
**We gather in celebration of the joy  
that is ours to be partners with you  
in the service of Jesus Christ.  
We promise to love you,  
Honor your leadership,  
and assist you that together  
we may be a faithful body of Jesus Christ.**

Rev. Rhyme: Let us pray:  
Eternal God,  
you have called these people  
to serve you in this Association and in the world,  
which you have entrusted to our care and keeping.  
Send your Holy Spirit on them  
that they may serve among us  
with honor and faithfulness.  
Help them to be diligent in their duties  
that your church may prosper  
in the mission you place before her.  
May their example prove worthy  
for all of us to follow  
as we are united in Christ's ministry  
for the glory of your name.  
Amen.