

Installation Service for Local/Regional Women's Ministry
Mustard Seed Faith
2008-2009

Women's Ministry is about planting seeds and tending the soil. As officers of (local/regional name) you will be busy planting seeds this coming year...seeds of ministry and learning. You will be involved in tending the soil around you – the soil of women's lives, the soil of churches, of denominational ministries, of local programs, and the far-reaching soils around the globe. Your task as gardener and tender is a big one, but God will equip you with all that you need. Your (local/regional) Women's Ministry group will support you and work alongside you as the planting and tending is done. The result will be a beautiful harvest for God's kingdom.

Will those to be installed please come forward (or to some place that you designate)?

Leader: The kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed;

Congregation/Women: *the smallest of all seeds.*

Leader: Through efforts large and small, significant ministry will be done in the coming year by (local/regional name).

Congregation/Women: *Together we will plant seeds of faith and trust in God to water those seeds and bring about a bountiful harvest.*

Leader: The kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed;

Congregation/Women: *Which when grown is like a tree that the birds make their nests in among the branches.*

Leader: Will you as officers of (local/regional name) be faithful to planting the seeds of ministry through Women's Ministry?

Officers: **We will, with God's help!**

Leader: Do you accept the responsibility of leadership in this (local/regional name)?

Officer: **We do!**

Leader: (to the congregation/region) Will you partner with these women/officers in their task to bring about God's kingdom through the work of Women's Ministry?

Congregation/Women: *We will!*

Leader: The kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed.

Congregation/Women: *We celebrate now that faith and that growth.*

All: *Thanks be to God*

A small gift to each officer would be a nice gesture. Otherwise, simply end the installation service with the following prayer or one of your own:

Loving God, we know that great things can be accomplished for your kingdom when we work together. Thank you for calling these women into service as officers of (local/regional name). Bless them with wisdom, courage and creativity. Work through us all to bring your kingdom into our midst in the coming year. For it is in the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.