

## Gifted to Serve Installation Service

Will the elected officers for 2009-2010 come forward?

God created us and blessed each of us with certain gifts and talents with which we can accomplish the work we are to do. We were born to work, create and nurture as we share God's love with each other and those around us. Our life's purpose and work is to use God's gifts and talents to the betterment of others, which in turn brings great joy back to us.

As elected officers of the \_\_\_\_\_ Women's Ministry for 2009-2010, you all share certain gifts and possess others that will suit you for your specific tasks in the year ahead. All of you have the gift of service, which is the ability to work gladly to fulfill God's plan for others and his church. You see tangible and practical things to be done and enjoy doing them. You also share the gift of leadership or administration, which allows you to lead and inspire others to action in order to achieve the vision you have for your women at \_\_\_\_\_ and to accomplish God-given goals for them by planning, organizing, and supervising during the coming year.

\_\_\_\_\_, as **President**, you will have the opportunity to experience the joy of seeking God's wisdom and sharing this wisdom as well as your love for God and us as you lead in Women's Ministry this year. In this leadership role, you will preside over the meetings of Women's Ministry and the executive committee, and will assist in planning and implementing the work for the women of \_\_\_\_\_. Using your gifts of leadership and service, I charge you to plan, guide, encourage, enrich, and connect in love with those with whom you serve.

\_\_\_\_\_, as **President Elect**, you have been given the opportunity to seek God's wisdom and serve as you assist the leadership of Women's Ministry at \_\_\_\_\_. You will serve as support to the President while also observing, studying, and learning all of the responsibilities you will assume when you succeed the current President. Your gift of exhortation allows you to help others reach their potential by encouraging, challenging and motivating them to be all that God wants them to be through your devotionals and programs. Be faithful to your commitment as you serve using your gifts of service and exhortation.

\_\_\_\_\_, as **Secretary**, you have been given the opportunity to be of service to others as you diligently record minutes of the meetings and the executive committee. You are charged with taking accurate notes and minutes while being mindful that you are recording the history of \_\_\_\_\_ Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry for future generations. Your gifts of service, wisdom, leadership, and writing will all be put to work in this position as you determine the right words to use to record the actions taken by the group to accomplish their work through the year.

\_\_\_\_\_, as **Treasurer**, you have been given the opportunity to be of service to others as you perform your financial duties for the \_\_\_\_\_

Women's Ministry. You will be responsible for receiving, recording, and dispensing of all monies, as well as making a financial report at meetings. Be faithful to your commitment as you serve and use the gifts of administration and service.

Ladies, do you accept the responsibilities of the office to which you have been elected and promise to seek God's wisdom and guidance in fulfilling your commitment? If so please respond, ***"I do."***

And members of the \_\_\_\_\_ CP Women's Ministry, do you promise to follow the leadership as they reveal the plan God has for you in this year ahead? If so, please respond ***"I do."***

It is my pleasure and privilege to declare that you are now officially installed as Women's Ministry officers for the \_\_\_\_\_ Cumberland Presbyterian Church. May God richly bless you for your commitment to serve as a leader in Cumberland Presbyterian Women's Ministry in the coming year. Let's pray.

### **Closing Prayer**

Eternal God, you call all who believe in you into your service and promise grace and strength for the fulfilling of your will. Bless, we pray, these women whom, having been called, have offered themselves for this office. In their service, lead them to a deeper knowledge of you. Give them diligence and faithfulness in their study of your word, tenderness and patience with all whom they serve, and sincerity, singleness of mind, and humility as they accept the responsibilities laid upon them. Help them and us to follow Christ's path, and to be a light both in this place and to the world. We ask this in your name. AMEN

---written by Patricia Long, Convention President 2008-2009