

Celebration of an Appointment

Leader:

Dear friends, today we welcome Rev. Nancy Cameron
who has been reappointed to serve as our pastor.
We believe that she is well qualified and has been prayerfully
appointed by our bishop, Rev. Dr. Charles Crutchfield.



Leader to pastor:

Pastor Nancy Cameron, you have been sent to live among us as
a bearer of the Word of God;
a minister of the Sacraments;
and a *sustainer* of the love, order, and discipleship of the people of God.

Pastor:

Today I reaffirm this commitment in the presence of the congregation.

Leader:

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service,
will you who celebrate this new beginning
support and uphold Pastor Nancy Cameron in these ministries?

Congregation:

**We reaffirm our commitment to support you
with our prayers, presence, gifts, and service.**

Leader:

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger

Congregation:

who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.

Leader:

Let us pray.

Eternal God, strengthen and sustain us in our ministries together,
with Rev. Nancy Cameron as our pastor.

Give her and us patience, courage, and wisdom

so to care for one another and challenge one another

that together we may follow Jesus Christ,

living together in love, and offering our gifts and talents in your service; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presenter to Pastor:

Rev. Nancy Cameron, accept this Bible,
and be among us as one who proclaims the Word. **Amen.**

Rev. Nancy Cameron, take this water,
and baptize new Christians in this place. **Amen.**

Rev. Nancy Cameron, take this bread and cup,
and keep us in communion with Christ and his Church. **Amen.**

Presenter to Pastor:

Rev. Nancy Cameron, use this hymnal and book of worship
to guide us in our prayer and praise. **Amen.**

Rev. Nancy Cameron, receive this *Book of Discipline*,
and help us keep the covenant
that strengthens our connections as United Methodists. **Amen.**

Rev. Nancy Cameron, receive this globe,
and lead us in our mission to this community and all the world. **Amen.**

Pastor:

Let us pray.

Congregation (in unison):

Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church.

We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us.

Draw us together in one Spirit,

that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body.

May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness,

and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only.

As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism

gather at his table and then scatter into the world,

may we be one in service to others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Congregation (in unison):

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

Pastor:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Congregation:

And also with you.