

Installation/Blessing of DCE Student Fieldworkers



Adaptation from LSB pp. 240-242

Ordinarily the pastor of the congregation in which the DCE Student Fieldworker will serve will be the presiding minister. It may be appropriate for the congregations DCE who will be involved with the supervision of the DCE Student Fieldworker to serve as an assistant.

For DCE Student Fieldworkers in their freshman, sophomore and junior years, please use the order of blessing. For DCE Student Fieldworkers in their senior year, please use the order of installation.

The DCE Student Fieldworker(s) is presented before the altar. The presiding minister, standing before the altar, says:

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Order of Blessing

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in partnership with Concordia University Irvine name has been assigned to name of congregation as a DCE Student Fieldworker. As a student assigned to our congregation, he/she will continue his/her education in preparation for service to the Church as a called Director of Christian Education.

P: Therefore as a congregation we welcome you as a DCE Student Fieldworker and offer to you this blessing from the Lord:

C: O Lord, You have called these your servants into a time of preparation for ministry in your Church. We implore you to bless name offer to them your strength and guidance as they pursue their studies and fieldwork experience in our midst. Grant us as your Church in this place the grace to continue to lift name up in prayer that we may support their formation for service in your Church; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Order of Installation

*Omit if already done above. Skip to *.*

P: Brothers and sisters in Christ, in partnership with Concordia University Irvine name has been assigned to name of congregation as a DCE Student Fieldworker. As a student assigned to our congregation, he/she will continue his/her education in preparation for service to the Church as a called Director of Christian Education.

*Hear what the Word of God says about those who serve in the Church.

Working together with him, then, we appeal to you not to receive the grace of God in vain. For he says, "In a favorable time I listened to you, and in a day of salvation I have helped you." Behold, now is the favorable time; behold, now is the day of salvation. We put no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, but as servants of God we commend ourselves in every way. 2 Corinthians 6:1-4a

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one

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body in Christ, and individually members one of another. Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

Romans 12:3-8

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3:15-17

Practice these things, immerse yourself in them, so that all may see your progress. Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this, for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

1 Timothy 4:15-16

The pastor addresses the DCE Student Fieldworker(s)

P: Name, are you prepared to serve as DCE Student Fieldworker in this congregation under the supervision of the position and name of supervisor, undertaking your assignments as one who seeks training for service in the Church as a Director of Christian Education? If so, then answer: I am, with the help of God.

R: *I am, with the help of God.*

P: Name, I install you as DCE Student Fieldworker at name of congregation in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Let us pray.

P: O God, through the grace of Your Holy Spirit You pour gifts of love into the hearts of Your faithful people. Grant health both of mind and body to Your servant(s) name, who now begins his/her time of service in our midst. Enable him/her to love You with his/her whole heart and with his/her whole strength, to perform those things that are pleasing to You. May we as a congregation prayerfully support his/her work in our midst; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Go in the name of the Lord. Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain. The almighty and most merciful God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C: Amen.

The service continues with the Prayer of the Church in the Divine Service or the Prayers of the Daily Office.