

SAMPLE

Installation of Faith Community Nurse

Began with introductory comments about this ministry and the process to hire a FCN.

Leader: Jesus came among us as a servant and calls us to faith and a life of loving service to our neighbor. _____, you come among us as one invited to render a particular service, a gift from God to inspire us to love and good works.

_____, in the presence of this congregation will you commit yourself to this new trust and responsibility, in the confidence that it comes from God?

I will and I ask God to help me.

Leader: Trusting in God's care, will you seek to grow in love for those you serve, strive for excellence in your skills, and adorn the gospel with a godly life?

I will and I ask God to help me.

Our gracious God, who has given you the will do these things, graciously give you the strength and compassion to perform them. Amen

Leader: People of God, will you receive _____ as your faith community nurse into this ministry as one sent to serve the church?

Will you pray for her/him and help honor her/him for her/his work's sake, and in all things strive to live together in the peace and unity of Christ?

We will and we ask God to help us.

Member of Health Cabinet: Let us pray, merciful God, as your beloved son brought health and strength to the sick and afflicted, so you have called _____ to offer aid to the suffering. Make her/him wise in using knowledge and skill, diligent in ministry to those in need, and compassionate in all service. In the midst of suffering and death, make her/him a faithful witness to the hope of the resurrection, in Christ's name. Amen

Leader: _____, we declare you installed as our faith community nurse. Almighty God bless you, and direct your days and your deeds in peace, that you may be a faithful servant of Christ. Amen

Applause from congregation

Other aspects could be added, a Blessing of Hands for the entire congregation, as we share in the care of the community. A blessing of prayer shawls or quilts, etc.

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