



Delegates' Dedication Litany

November 11, 2017

Moderator: As we gather here in this meeting room where we will make decisions and worship together, I invite us to affirm our faith in the One who unites us as brothers and sisters of the family of faith.

Delegates: You, O God, create our world and give us life. You invite us on a faith journey asking that we trust You to be our guide. We acknowledge You are always with us. You are our God.

Moderator: You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You welcomed us into your family even before we knew we wanted to be there. You reveal and prove Your love for us in the breathtaking beauty of creation and in the grace-filled gift of Jesus the Christ. We acknowledge Your generosity. You are with us now and always. You are breath-taking and grace-filled. You are our God.

Delegates: You, O God, are Holy Breath. You are Life's presence. You are Comforter. You are Gospel. You are Reconciler. You are Healer. You are Resurrection. You are Heart. You are our God.

Moderator: We are thankful for Your presence!

Delegates: You are our God.

Moderator: We are thankful for Your witness!

Delegates: You are our God.

Moderator: As we have affirmed our faith, we now affirm our calling to be here in this place as delegates gathered from the four corners of our district. We gather to be with one another. We gather to witness to the faith we have been given. We gather to make decisions with respect, compassion, kindness and patience. Affirming these hopes and these goals, let us sing together a hymn of affirmation, “*God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian*” –

All: Hymn of Affirmation

Tune Hyfrydol 8.7.8.7.D. (Come thou long expected Jesus 178 in the blue hymnal)

(1) God the Spirit, guide and guardian, wind-sped flame and hovering dove,
breath of life and voice of prophets, sign of blessing, power of love:
give to those who lead your people fresh anointing of your grace;
send them forth as bold apostles to your church in every place.

(2) Christ our Savior, sovereign, shepherd, Word made flesh, Love crucified,
teacher, healer, suffering servant, friend of sinners, foe of pride:
in your tending may all people* learn and live a shepherd’s care;
grant them courage and compassion shown through word and deed and prayer.

(3) Great Creator, life-bestower, truth beyond all thought’s recall,
fount of wisdom, womb of mercy, giving and forgiving all:
as you know our strength and weakness, so may those the church exalts
oversee its life steadfastly, yet not overlook its faults.

(4) Triune God, mysterious being, undivided and diverse,
deeper than our minds can fathom, greater than our creeds rehearse:
help us in our varied callings your full image to proclaim,
that our ministries uniting may give glory to your name.

*When appropriate, *ministers, leaders, elders, or deacons* may be substituted for *pastors*.

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