

All are invited to stand

Archdeacon: Let us join together in praying for, and committing ourselves to, those who will be offering formal leadership on behalf of the Deanery of Waterloo as they take up their duties for the coming year.

Archdeacon: Let us pray in thanksgiving for our faith, saying these words together:

ALL:
O God,
we praise your holy name,
and express our gratitude
for faith in your presence with us, today and always.
Through Christ, and in the Holy Spirit,
you are our creator, redeemer and sustainer.
It is your power, working through us,
that can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
We acknowledge, O God, our need to place ourselves in
your hands. As faithful servants, we work according to the
gifts you have given us.
We thank you for the Church,
the Body of Christ,
through which we are called to worship and witness.
We pray you will sustain us
as we continue our journey together. Amen.

Reader:

A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians:

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there

are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. (1 Corinthians 12:4-11)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***The Archdeacon, Regional Dean, Lay Co-chair,
and members of the Deanery Executive
stand before the assembly.***

Archdeacon: _____, the bishop has appointed you to serve as Regional Dean of the Deanery of Waterloo for this year.

All: As you continue in this ministry, in partnership with the Lay Co-chair and the Deanery Executive, and leading your colleagues in Clericus, we pledge our support in prayer and companionship.

Regional Dean: I ask God to bless the ministry to which I have been called to share in our Deanery.

Archdeacon: _____, the Deanery of Waterloo has elected you to serve as Lay-Co Chair.

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All: As you continue this responsibility, in partnership with the Regional Dean and the Deanery Executive, we pledge our support to you in prayer and companionship.

Lay Co-chair: I ask God to bless the ministry I have been called to share in our Deanery.

Archdeacon: (naming the members of Deanery Executive). You are called to take up a special ministry within our deanery. As you work to represent us, we celebrate your work.

All: As you carry out these responsibilities, in partnership with the Regional Dean and Lay Co-chair, we pledge our support to you in prayer and companionship.

Deanery Executive: I ask God to bless the ministry I have been called to share in our Deanery.

All: We ask God to bless our ministry as, together, we listen for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in support of the Body of Christ.

Archdeacon: Let us pray.
Gracious and loving God, we pray to you for all members of our deanery family. On this night we pray especially for those who have been called to these ministries of leadership. Empower them and uphold them at all times. Give them satisfaction and joy in all that they do. May your purpose be fulfilled through their gifts, which you alone have given. We pray to you, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Archdeacon concludes the service with a blessing

A Service of Prayer and Commitment

