

## Commissioning Service

Ideas for a 1 hour program

Call to Worship	
Hymn	Eg. To God be the Glory or Great is Thy Faithfulness
Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving	
Welcome and Update on Project	
Song/Hymn	Eg. You are My Vision (Be Thou My Vision)  New verse: Be my compassion my love for the poor Break my distraction so I can't ignore The least of Your children the ones You adore For by them Jesus I worship You Lord
Prayers of Confession & Prayers for the Homeless	
Scripture Reading	
Short Message	
Symbolic Action: Prayer Keys (ask a locksmith for old keys)	Listen to song "For the One" <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKFb4rNsA20">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iKFb4rNsA20</a> Distribute keys. Invite congregation to add key to key ring as a reminder to pray for the homeless/shelter project
Covenant Prayer & Commissioning	Use or adapt words from Methodist Worship 'Covenant Prayer' Pray for volunteers and commission them for service. Invite volunteers to stand for prayer.
Song/Hymn	Eg. Build Your Kingdom Here
Blessing	
Refreshments	A chance to mingle!

Invite clergy to share in the service by taking different roles (eg. preach, pray, commission etc)

## **The Covenant Prayer**

Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us again accept our place within this covenant which God has made with us and with all who are called to be Christ's disciples. This means that by the help of the Holy Spirit, we accept God's purpose for us, and the call to love and serve God in all our life and work.

Christ has many services to be done: some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach, some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both; in some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to do all these things is given to us in Christ who strengthens us.

Therefore let us make this covenant of God our own. Let us give ourselves to him, trusting in his promises and relying on his grace.

Eternal God, in your faithful and enduring love you call us to share in your gracious covenant in Jesus Christ. In obedience we hear and accept your commands; in love we seek to do your perfect will; with joy we offer ourselves anew to you. We are no longer our own but yours.

*(Response)*

***I am no longer my own but yours. Your will, not mine, be done in all things, wherever you place me, in all that I do and in all that I may endure; when there is work for me and when there is none; when I am troubled and when I am at peace. Your will be done when I am valued and when I am disregarded; when I find fulfilment and when it is lacking; when I have all things, and when I have nothing. I willingly offer all I have and am to serve you, as and where you choose.***

***Glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. May it be so for ever. Let this covenant now made on earth be fulfilled in heaven. Amen.***