

Love Your Neighbor as Yourself: Installation Service

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PURPOSE: In this program, we will install our WHFMS officers for the year.

MUSIC: The Hymnal for Worship & Celebration #284 - “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” If it is not possible to sing, read the words together.

SCRIPTURE: Luke 10:25-35. Installing our officers is an act of love for each other.

PREPARATION: Recommend you either make your individual letters for L-O-V-E-S or purchase them from a craft store. Also, have copies of the song, “They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” with the words. Optional: Have a recording or an instrumentalist play accompaniment.

SHARE: Our theme for 2024 is “Love Your Neighbor as Yourself (Won’t You Be My Neighbor?)”

The theme verse is Luke 10:27, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind.’ And ‘Love your neighbor as yourself” (NLT). This Scripture gives us simple guidelines on how we are to love and respect each other as we work together and do God’s will for our society.

Ask the officers to stand up front together (including Spiritual Life Chairman).

Say: Today, we will consider some characteristics of good leaders. We’ll also look at how we can practice treating each other like we would like to be treated, with lots of love, and how to be godly examples for our ladies’ group. For some of us, it may not be easy to outwardly show love, but we must follow God’s commandment to love one another and strive to show it as much as possible.

Madam President: “L” is the first letter in **LOVES** and it stands for **leader**.

Your role calls for paying special attention to details, being prepared, being mindful of your ladies’ time and being sensitive to their needs. You will be responsible for conducting the meeting and keeping the group on task. Being prepared and organized will make your leadership better. Respond with love in all areas of keeping on task and respecting the time of all your members.

Madam Vice President: The letter “O” stands for **offer**. You are the support person

behind the president. How you offer your support shows love for your leader. You need to always be willing to step in when needed. Ask God to help you be strong and be prepared to offer your help whenever the opportunity arises.

Madam Secretary: The letter “V” is for **victorious**. You are to keep accurate records and share the past victories your organization has accomplished. These records help your group hear about all the love they have shared as a group. Your willingness to do this position shows the love you have for serving others. Hearing what has been accomplished encourages the group to love being a part of such a wonderful group.

Madam Treasurer: The letter “E” stands for **exact**. You keep accurate records and report all transactions back to the group. Your willingness to serve shows just how much you love your mission group, and God sees this and will bless you for it. It is important to have exact records, and our prayer is for you to continue doing this important job for your mission group.

Spiritual Life Chairman: The letter “S” stands for **spiritual**, which you show in all your teachings and devotions you share. You help our group demonstrate Luke 10:27 “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength, and all your mind,” and “Love your neighbor as yourself.” How powerful that Scripture is! You help us to show others love wherever we go.

To The Members: The love we are talking about is for all of us. We are truly blessed to know of God’s love, and it is our responsibility to show it to our officers, by supporting them, praying for them and loving them. It is so important to let them know how much they are appreciated and loved. We are the Lord’s organization, and he will help us do his work. Installing our officers is an act of love for each other.

Optional: Sing together “They Will Know We Are Christians by our Love.”

Close in Prayer.

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