

**A Commissioning of Christian Education Leaders  
Based on Ephesians 4:7-16 & Colossians 3:12-17  
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**Leader:** Every believer in Jesus Christ has a spiritual gift. Though God has prepared all believers for the work of Christian service, God calls each one to particular areas of ministry.

**All:** Some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers.

**Leader:** Believers are called to service, gifts for the common good, not for individual acclaim.

**All:** The church needs to recapture the power, giftedness, and biblical call of all the members of the church (clergy/laity, old/young, female/male). Every Christian is a full-time, God-called, God-gifted minister whose strength is to be used for God's purpose.

**Leader:** In scripture, elders, pastors, and teachers are linked together with one function— proclamation and explanation of the gospel.

**CE Leaders:** All gifts involve proclamation of the gospel and servant leadership for the church. Those whom God calls to the educational ministry are to train the body of Christ for the work of ministry.

**Leader:** The Bible admonishes all believers to put on the traits of Jesus: compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience in all we do. As those who have accepted a call to the education ministry of \_\_\_\_\_ Church, do you promise to seek God's leading in your ministry through study and prayer?

**CE Leaders:** We do so promise.

**Leader:** Do you, the congregation, promise to support the educational ministry of this church through the use of your gifts, presence, participation, and prayer?

**All:** We do so promise.

**Leader:** Having accepted the call to this ministry, you are now commissioned for the work God has place before you. Go forth in the knowledge that you have the support of this congregation and that God will be with you. Amen.