



More Than
STONE SOUP

A Stewardship and Giving Emphasis Program for Congregations

***A BRIEF ORDER FOR THE COMMISSIONING OF THE
STEWARDSHIP AND GIVING EMPHASIS PROGRAM TEAM***

- 1. When set within either the liturgy for Holy Communion or the liturgy for Service of the Word, this order follows the Sermon and Hymn of the Day and precedes the Prayers.*
- 2. The liturgical color for Commissioning shall honor the color for the Proper of that day.*

The Presiding Minister addresses the congregation:

P: Dear brothers and sisters in Christ: In our Baptism into Christ and the priesthood of all believers, we are called by God to offer and commit ourselves to the work of his Church. Today we give thanks and celebrate as we recognize and install the Stewardship and Giving Emphasis Program Team for this year's campaign. I ask the Team to come forward for installation at this time.

The Presiding Minister addresses the Program Team:

P: Having offered yourselves to the ministry of this congregation, I ask you, will you follow our Lord's example of humble service, endeavoring to carry out your assignments with understanding and love, and will you conduct yourself in a manner appropriate as a servant of Jesus Christ? If this is your intent, please respond: Yes, with the help of God.

R: Yes, with the help of God.

The Presiding Minister addresses the congregation:

P: People of God: I now ask all of you, will you support with prayer and encouragement these who have committed themselves to this ministry, honoring them for their work's sake? If this is your intent, please respond: Yes, with the help of God.

C: Yes, with the help of God.

P: Let us Pray... Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth, provider of all that is good: We thank you for the many gifts we receive from you daily, signs of your gracious love. Strengthen and encourage your servants who call on us to be faithful stewards of your bountiful gifts. Move us to respond with generosity to your gracious love; through our Lord and Savior, Jesus the Christ.

C: Amen.

P: Members of the Program Team, I hereby declare you installed as the Giving and Stewardship Emphasis Program Team. Let us pray: Bless, O Lord, these men and women and all who serve in your name. Empower all who serve with your Spirit, that they may serve to your glory. Amen.

The service continues with the Creed and the Prayers.