

Litany of Release for Ralph Brubacher

(based on Ephesians 4)

Leader:

As followers of Christ, we are encouraged to live a life worthy of the calling we have received, steadily pouring ourselves out for each other with acts of love. (4:2)

God blesses us with unity amid our diversity, and we aim to grow stronger and more fully equipped as one body directed by one Spirit (4:5)

Congregation:

We pray that everything we are and think and do is permeated with Oneness. (4:6)

Leader: We are all ministers, yet some are called to particular ministries, and sometimes for a limited time period. Ralph graciously responded to the call to be a Lay Minister in our church, and his term has come to an end.

Ralph: I am honoured by your confidence in me, and have appreciated your prayers and support over the past years. I will keep private what is confidential, and will join everyone praying for all on the Ministry Team. I will continue to serve in the church as God leads me.

All: Thank you Ralph for serving as a Lay Minister. We are grateful that you shared your time and passions through our church in this service for Christ. We release you from the duties and expectations of a Lay Minister.

One: Ralph, please receive our thanks and gratitude, and may the Lord continue to bless you in all that you do.

Lay Ministers' thanks and presentation

Ralph's response

Litany of Commission for Craig Cressman Anderson

(based on Ephesians 4)

Leader:

I invite Craig to the front. Together, in the presence of God, we commission Craig to be a Lay Minister.

We encourage you to fully exercise the gifts that have been discerned in you. May you find joy in serving God, and may you share your giftedness with humility, gentleness, patience and love. (4:2)

Congregation:

Thanks be to God for your openness and response to the calling to be a Lay Minister. As you volunteer your time, leadership, creativity, prayers and energy we promise to support you through our prayers and our words of encouragement. May you experience God's generosity and grace in your service to God and to this congregation.

One: Together, in the presence of God, we commission Craig Cressman Anderson to be a Lay Minister.

Craig: I humbly accept my call to serve in this capacity, trusting God and depending on your prayers and support.

All: We stand in affirmation of Craig's call to be a Lay Minister. [please stand]. We commit ourselves to praying for you and all on the Ministry Team.

[Ministry Team and Ralph please come forward for the blessing]

One: Let us pray. Gracious God, we ask you to bless Craig, to enable and inspire him as he serves as a designated minister in our church. Let him sense your constant presence and guidance. May all of us embrace your calling upon our lives, as we affirm Craig's call. May we be the church you want us to be. In Jesus name we pray. AMEN

Craig's response