

A SERVICE FOR COMMISSIONERS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Moderator:

Christ continues his ministry
in and through the church.
All Christians are called
to participate in the ministry of Christ.
As his body on earth
we all have gifts to use
in the church and in the world
to the glory of Christ, our King and Head.
(Living Faith 7.2.1)

As commissioners to this General Assembly,
you have been chosen to seek the mind of Christ for the church today.

As we worship and work together, let us:

- depend on God's strength and guidance,
- claim our vocation as servants of Christ, the living Word,
- rely upon the wisdom and inspiration of the Holy Spirit,
- and maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Let us pray:

O Lord, our God, how great is your name in all the earth!

In your gracious mercy,
you have come to us and redeemed us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

By your Spirit,
you have baptized us into one holy, catholic, and apostolic church to be siblings in Christ.

Help us, gracious God,
to love one another, to forgive one another, to serve one another,
and to listen to one another with openness and respect,
so that in all we say and do, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,
and proclaim him to the world, to your glory.

As we seek your face, give us
wisdom in discernment, courage of spirit, integrity of purpose, clarity of speech,
kindness in our interactions, and openness to your grace.

We pray in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
belongs all honour and glory, now and forever.
Amen.