

A Sample Service for the Commissioning of A Parish Nurse

Invitation:

Hymn:

Scripture:

Words of Commissioning:

Historically, the church has been at the center of healing. In the late 19th century, with the advent of modern medicine---anesthesia, sterile surgical techniques, antibiotics, vaccines and other wonderful technology and drugs for diagnosis and treatment, the Church relinquished her role in healing to the scientific community.

Today, with the commissioning of our parish nurse, _____, this congregation reclaims the understanding that our physical bodies cannot be separated from our intellects, our emotions, our vocations, and our very souls. We are joining many other PC(USA) congregations who have made a commitment to reclaim Christ's healing ministry in our broken world. This day marks the beginning of our congregation to respond more fully to Christ's commission to go, preach, teach AND heal.

_____, God called your name and with a heart full of compassion you have turned your face toward the sound of God's voice. There is no deeper praise for the One who has called you than your responsiveness to what God has breathed into you and calls you to do.

As the Parish Nurse of our congregation,
you will make God's love tangible,
offering your healing hands to soothe the anxious,
reassuring the fearful,
bear their paining,
sharing their joy,
lifting their faces to God.

In your arms our congregation will be held in the arms of God...
when the news from the doctor is not so good,
when someone feels sad and alone,
when someone is facing death,
when someone is celebrating.

Hold our congregation, _____.
Hold them with your hands, your arms your heart.

Let the beat of God's heart determine the rhythm of your ministry.
Let the wideness of God's mercy determine the depth of your love.

Laying on of Hands and Anointing:

Prayer: