

Sample Safety and Security Team Commitment/Commissioning Ceremony



Leader:

Friends, God has given us the blessings of people, resources and facilities. He calls on each of us to be good stewards and caretakers of those gifts. And to be sure that we, as a congregation of faithful followers are intentional about that task, we now call those who have agreed to serve on our church safety and security team (or appropriate name) and ask them to come forward.

Many times in Scripture, we see where the faithful were faced with threats that could harm them and keep them from doing the work that God had called them to do. And we see where some of the people of faith were singled out to stand watch, to warn, to protect and to care for the flock.

Ezekiel 33:6 (NIV) says: “But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet to warn the people and the sword comes and takes the life of one of them, that man will be taken away because of his sin, but I will hold the watchman accountable for his blood.”

In Acts 20:28-31a (NIV) we read: “Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood. I know that after I leave, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock. Even from your own number men will arise and distort the truth in order to draw away disciples after them. So be on your guard!”

And so to help safeguard our members, our children, our property, our resources and our ministries, we call you to this act of faithful service. And I will ask you, (to members of team): Will you faithfully carry out the duties of this important ministry of protection and care? And will you do this in a manner of compassion and commitment to God and the faithful members of this congregation and community? If so, please answer, “We will.”

And as members of the congregation, I ask you (to congregation): Will you do all in your power to support and affirm these committed team members and faithfully work toward a more safe, secure, and just environment within and beyond our church? If so, please answer, “We will.”

Let us pray:

Gracious and loving God, we know that we all must care for all that you have blessed us with. But we especially commit these safety and security team members to your care. Help them to use discernment and wisdom as they are called to serve, and empower them to carry out this ministry in our midst. And in all that they and we do, may You be glorified in a mighty way and be pleased with our efforts. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.