

## COMMISSIONING

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*The Executive Leadership Team invited the Fellowship to participate in a commissioning to affirm our covenant commitment in unity.*

Friends,

The Triune God has called us to be his beloved children.

He has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in Christ Jesus.

He intends for us to be holy and blameless in his sight.

He has predestined us to live to the praise of his glorious grace.

He desires for us to reveal the fruit of his spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Therefore,

Will you abide in Jesus, the true vine, so that his love, grace, and truth will abound in you?

Will you remain in his love by obeying his commands? He is our Teacher and Lord.

Will you surrender and submit every aspect of your life and identities to the Lordship of Jesus Christ?

Will you seek first God's kingdom, rather than striving after your own?

**Together: I do. Lord have mercy.**

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Friends,

The Triune God has called us to be his ambassadors.

God has entrusted to us the message of reconciliation. In Christ Jesus, God does not count our sins against us! In Christ Jesus, the kingdoms of this world will become the kingdom of the Lord!

God has entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation, making his appeal to the world through us.

God has offered us Jesus' example of servant love to be our model.

God has commanded us: "Love one another as I have loved you."

Therefore,

Will you announce God's reconciling invitation in the bible studies you lead, talks that you give, and books that you publish?

Will you serve students and faculty; alumni and administrators; vendors and volunteers; readers and writers; campers and campus chaplains; ministry partners and mission-minded pastors as Christ has served you?

Will you love one another in this Fellowship as Christ has loved you?

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Friends,

The Triune God has called us to long for revival and to catalyze movements that call every corner of every campus to follow Jesus as Lord.

God has increased in us hunger to see his glory fill the earth as the waters fill the sea.

God has challenged us to partner broadly and deeply to call the whole church to engage the whole campus.

God has sent the Holy Spirit, the Counselor, the Spirit of truth, who lives with us and will be in us, to empower us for mission and to convict the world of its guilt and sin.

Therefore,

Will you consecrate yourselves to the Lord so that the first fruits of revival are apparent in your own life?

Will you flee from sin and surrender to the Holy Spirit so that a watching world will see what a new normal of kingdom experience and fruitfulness looks like?

Will you travail in prayer for the sake of the university – its people and policies, ideas and ideologies, systems and structures – that it may reflect more of God's love, holiness, justice, and glory?

Will you embrace humility and renounce pride so that we can partner more generously, graciously, and joyfully?

Will you seek the Holy Spirit's guidance and empowerment because you recognize your limitations and revel in your dependency on God?

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Together:

I am no longer my own, but yours.

Put me to what you will, place me with whom you will.

Put me to doing, put me to suffering.

Let me be praised for you or criticized for you.

Let me be full, let me be empty.

Let me have all things, let me have nothing.

I freely and fully surrender all things to your glory and service.

And now, O wonderful and holy God,

Father, Son & Holy Spirit

you are mine, and I am yours.

And the covenant which I have made on earth,

Let it also be made in heaven.

Amen.

*Source: The Methodist Covenant Prayer*