



Installation Service Meditation

I WILL BE WITH THEE

In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Today, as you assume the responsibilities and privileges of leadership in the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, there is a text of Scripture which is applicable.

When God revealed Himself to Moses in the desert, the Lord said, "*Put off your shoes from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground*" (Exodus 3:5).

God was calling Moses to a role of leadership. But Moses was offering excuses. Moses felt unworthy. "*Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the sons of Israel out of Egypt?*" (Exodus 3:11).

The Lord promised, "*but I will be with you...*" (Exodus 3:12).

Moses feared he would not have the confidence of the people, that he was incapable as a leader. He said, "*I am not eloquent ... I am slow of speech*" (Exodus 4:10).

Dear friends, the place on which you stand is holy ground. You stand before the Lord. You will be serving Him. He is sending you to be a leader among His people. His promises are as valid to you today as they were to Moses. He will always be with you. He will teach you what you shall do, if you seek His guidance.

Dedicate all that you are in loyal, loving, obedient service to Him who loved us and gave Himself for us.

(This meditation may precede either of the following installation services, if desired.)