

U.M. ARMY SERVICE OF CONSECRATION

Hear the words of the Lord Jesus: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit....By this my Father is glorified that you bear such fruit and so prove to be my disciples....When you did it to one of the least of these my people, you did it to me...."

Dearly beloved, these stand before us in response to the call of God to go and to give witness to the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ through loving action and listening concern. They will give of their time, their talents, their energy and their love in service to those in need. They will be our representatives in mission during this week.

Members of the United Methodist Action Reach-Out Mission by Youth, do you feel led by the spirit of God to engage in this work and to assume its responsibilities?

We do.

Will you earnestly seek to carry forward your mission in sincerity and love, cooperating humbly with your fellow workers, under the direction of your appointed leaders?

We do.

Members of _____ United Methodist Church, will you pledge your support to these our representatives in mission through your prayers and concern, on behalf of their work this week?

(Congregation): We pledge our unswerving support to your work and pray God's guidance and protection in all you do as you serve as His witnesses and our representatives.

(U.M. ARMY participants kneel.)

Eternal God, who called the youth Jeremiah and Timothy long ago to do your work, look graciously upon these your young missionaries and their leaders whom we this day recognize and set apart for special service in U.M. ARMY. Grant them your Holy Spirit that they may spread the peace which passes understanding, worthily doing the work committed to them, to the blessing of humankind and to the praise of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Suggested hymns in the United Methodist hymnal:

"Here I Am, Lord"	No. 593
"Jesu, Jesu"	No. 432
"Let There Be Peace on Earth"	No. 431