**ELECTED OFFICERS INSTALLATION SERVICE**

*(Installation Officer: Bishop, Presiding Elder, Pastor or Higher Lay Council Officer)*

The Presentation of Elected Officers

The Scripture I Corinthians 12:12-14

*12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ.  For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many.*

**Bishop: O Lord, grant unto these Connectional (Conference/District/Local) Lay Officers Your special anointing as they seek to lead the laity of the A.M.E. Zion Church**

*Lay Officers: Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of these days and the years to come.*

 *Amen*

**Bishop: Guide them, O Lord, as they allow their faith to inspire persons to lead, enhance the**

**stewardship of our church, employ the principles of discipleship, as they seek to authenticate the worship of all people of the A.M.E. Zion Church.**

*Lay Officers: Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of these days and the years to come.*

 *Amen*

**Bishop: Deliver them from selfish pride, dishonest polities, vain conversation, and unfaithful service to the Connection and to the kingdom of God.**

*Lay Officers: Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of these days and the years to come.*

 *Amen*

**Bishop: Guide them, O Lord, in all their doing with Your most gracious favor, and further them with your continued help, that in all their work, they may glorify Your holy name.**

*Lay Officers: Grant us wisdom; grant us courage for the living of these days and the years to come.*

 *Amen. Amen. Amen.*

Hymn of Dedication “I Am Thine, O Lord”

The Prayer of Installation

Remarks

Benediction

***Note: This Installation service was used to install the Connectional Officers at the 2013 Lay Convention; and can be used in an Episcopal Gathering, Annual Conference, District, and Local Church.***

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