

Order for Closing of Assembly

We celebrate those elected to Synod Council. The names of Synod Council will be read.

As Paul tells us in Romans, “as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.” (Romans 12:4-8)

The task of the Synod Council is to help all the congregations and people of the South Carolina Synod live in the light and love of Christ, striving for justice and peace in all the earth.

Will you assume the office to which you have been elected, and will you endeavor to carry out its duties faithfully, to the glory of Christ our Lord and in service to the one holy church? (If so say:)

R: I will, and I ask God to help me.

People of God, will you support and pray for South Carolina Synod Council in this work? (If so, say:)

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray. Gracious God, you call your people to service and give them varied tasks in the world and in your church. Grant these leaders in this Synod the grace and strength to shine with your light and love, and that together we may serve you faithfully to the glory of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen

The office of Synod Council representative is committed to you in the name of the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray. O God, our beginning and our end, you kept Abraham and Sarah in safety throughout the days of their pilgrimage, you led the children of Israel through the midst of the sea, and by a star you led the magi to the infant Jesus. Protect and guide us now as we set out to travel. Make our ways safe and our homecomings joyful, and bring us at last to our heavenly home, where you dwell in glory with our Lord Jesus Christ and the life-giving Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

I declare this assembly closed in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.