



**Bishop:**

As the Jurisdictional Prelate of the Michigan Southwest Third Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction, I am appointing you today to your respective offices and responsibilities.

I further charge each of you, both new and incumbent appointees to:

- Live a life worthy of the calling of God on each of your lives;
- Have dedicated and regular times of prayer and the reading and studying of God's Word;
- Remain faithful and loyal to your local church supporting the work of your local church and the leadership;
- Faithfully execute the duties and responsibilities of your office within SW3;
- Be instant in and out of season always ready to be a witness for the Lord;

Finally, I charge you to use the gifts that God has given you to advance His Kingdom in the earth through the collective efforts of those who serve with you here in SW3.

**Bishop:** **You have accepted the office to which you have been appointed. Do you promise, with the Lord as your helper, to faithfully fulfill its duties?**

**Leaders:** We do, and we ask all other officers to receive us as fellow laborers with God.

**Bishop:** **Pray now for the faith and compassion of our Lord Jesus Christ, for the boldness of Peter, for the evangelistic zeal of Philip, for the administrative insight of Priscilla and Aquila, and for the wisdom of Paul. Jethro counseled Moses that the task before him was too enormous for him alone.**

**Leaders:** We acknowledge the same. We ask for your prayers, support, encouragement, and cooperation.

**Bishop:** God has endowed each of us with unique gifts and talents for the edification of the church and the work of ministry. Will you accept this jurisdictional office in proportion to your faith to minister, to teach, exhort, to give liberally, to lead with diligence, and to show mercy with cheerfulness?

**Leaders:** We accept our offices with every intention to use our talents to lead God's people according to our discernment of God's will.

**Bishop:** Remember those who were judges in Israel and leaders in the New Testament church. Remember our mothers and fathers in the faith, our ancestors who built and carried the church. They accomplished much, for they were rich in faith, wisdom, and courage.

**Leaders:** We give thanks for their example, their competence, and their steadfast commitment.

**Bishop:** Do you covenant and promise that you will walk together in love for one another, and exercise affectionate watchfulness over all those given to your charge?

**Leaders:** We will faithfully admonish and entreat one another as occasion may require. We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor neglect to pray for ourselves and others. We will strive to maintain the high standards of our offices so that ministries of our Jurisdiction, as well as our local churches, may be strengthened.

**Bishop:** Will you, according to your abilities and opportunities, show good to all, especially in helping to extend the gospel in its purity and power to the whole human family?

**Leaders:** We will humbly and earnestly seek to live to the glory of God, and to be directed by the Holy Spirit.

**Bishop:** May God uphold you and direct you as you go forth to do the work of the ministry!

**All:** Praise be to God who gives us the strength, knowledge, wisdom and understanding. Amen. Amen. Amen.