

## **An Installation of Officers**

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Theme Scripture: Ephesians 4:12–13 (AMP)

*Adapt this installation to include the officers you have in your ministry. Flowers to be used are aster, alstroemeria, hydrangea, anemone, delphinium, bouvardia, carnation, sweet pea, sunflower, daffodil, amaryllis, heather, lily, orchid. (Biblical references on flowers can be found at [www.flower-choice.com/flowermeanings.asp](http://www.flower-choice.com/flowermeanings.asp). Flowers chosen may be live, artificial, or printed on card stock.)*

Invite officers to come up front while song leader sings “Give Me My Flowers” (James Cleveland). When they are gathered, invite a woman or girl to read the theme Scripture.

**A charge to the officers:** Women of God, you have been equipped by God with his knowledge to empower women and girls to use their gifts, talents, and skills to do the work of ministry to serve God and each other.

**President:** By God’s design, you have been uniquely equipped as a leader to plan, to effectively preside at meetings, and to render service with great strength, patience, spiritual grace, and dignity. Therefore we present to you the aster, which represents patience and God’s love flowing through you to all the officers.

**Secretary:** You are uniquely equipped with the special gift of scribing. To enhance your spirit, we present to you this gorgeous hardy alstroemeria. Its various hues mingle into cohesive beauty, representing friendship, communication, commitment, and a caring spirit.

**Treasurer:** You have been uniquely empowered to serve through your beautiful spirit of honesty and integrity. Therefore we present to you this beautiful globe-shaped hydrangea blossom, which symbolizes strength of character.

**Personal Development Ministries Coordinator:** You have been uniquely created to serve God through the use of your spiritual commitment to Christ. Therefore we present to you this beautiful anemone. This flower is designed to massage the air, bringing a quiet beauty and calm to its environment.

**Church and Community Ministries Coordinator:** You have been uniquely created to serve with the passion of Christ, to lead and to guide women and girls to obtain a strong faith in God. Therefore we present to you the delphinium. This cluster of pastel flowers represents a heavenly transcendence and a person’s special growth.

**Mission and Service Coordinator:** You have been uniquely gifted to serve the fellowship of believers. Therefore we present to you the unforgettable sweet pea, which represents your travels both near and far. May your spiritual gifts continue to inspire others to listen and answer God's call.

**AB GIRLS Coordinator:** By the movement of God's Spirit, you have been uniquely designed to empower and promote the spiritual growth of the AB GIRLS. Therefore we present to you this beautiful heather. This flower represents transformation and growth, a change from regular to spectacular.

**White Cross Coordinator:** You are uniquely gifted for promoting and distributing essential materials in support of the mission and service ministries. Therefore we present to you this fragrant carnation, which represents the best qualities of pride and reveals a deep, radiant confidence that illuminates its densely ruffled blossom.

**Love Gift Coordinator:** You have been uniquely designed to develop and present plans that will inspire and challenge others to appropriate essential funds in support of mission and ministries of our denomination. Therefore we present to you the bouvardia flower. The lovely blossoms of this flower radiate a cool sense of enthusiasm and an appreciation for a job well done.

**Coordinator of Events (Conference):** You are uniquely designed to reflect the beauty and wonder of Christ as you serve with grace, patience, and impeccable strength. Therefore we present to you the sunflower, which is strong and radiant and is known to help calculate time.

**Scholarship Committee:** You are uniquely equipped to discern the Spirit's leading in determining God's will to enhance the development of women and girls. Therefore we present the daffodil to you. This flower represents promise, faith, optimism, and joyous occasions.

**Nominating Committee:** You are uniquely called to serve AB Women's Ministries and AB GIRLS by presenting a slate of officers who are willing to embrace and enhance the position in which they have agreed to serve. Therefore we present to you the gorgeous amaryllis, which represents radiant beauty flowing from an inner source and flourishes outwardly.

**Resources Coordinator:** Your unique service of dedication is of special merit. You are responsible for filling the bookstore with resource books for the women's and girls' ministries, books of biblical foundation, inspiration, and faith. Therefore, we present this beautiful lily, which communicates happiness, excitement, adventure, and prosperity.

**Historian:** Your unique designated duty is to collect and preserve pertinent records for the AB Women's Ministries and AB GIRLS, which will be representative of this ministry for years to come. Therefore we present to you this beautiful orchid, which represents its own unique personality and beauty as well as many different momentous occasions.

**Let us pray:**

God our Creator, who gifts us uniquely and calls each one of us to special ministries in your name, we ask your blessings on this garden of your servants gathered here together. May they grow into ever-deeper relationships with you through their service, and may their efforts blossom and put forth seeds of change in each of us, our shared ministry, and our world. In the name of your given Son, Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

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