



## **YLA New Member Induction and Officer Installation Ceremonies**

*The Chaplain and the Purpose Committee are responsible for these services. They are assisted by the Membership Committee, the officers, and others as needed.*

### Preparation

Hold these ceremonies in a unique place that reflects their importance. Churches, outdoor areas, parks, and gardens are some examples. Find a beautiful place in your community to use.

Place a table in the front. If needed, cover with a cloth. Have a lighted candle and a YLA emblem on the table.

All members and candidates must know the YLA Purpose.

In advance, invite parents, school principal and superintendent, alumni, and others you want to know about your YLA.

Seat members to be inducted into membership in the front section with current members seated behind them.

Officers, Advisors, and others who have a part in program may be seated in the front.

Have a printed program including any songs everyone will sing distributed as people arrive.

After the ceremonies you may want to have refreshments or a meal.

*These ceremonies, properly done, can contribute to the importance your new officers, members, and current members give to their responsibilities.*

*The setting, program, content, and delivery are all important to a successful ceremony.*

## Officer Installation

### Advisor's Remarks

YLA's Purpose is "Developing Leadership, Fellowship, and Service While Increasing an Awareness of Oneself and the World."

Each member, officer, and advisor is responsible to carry our purpose.

We must all give time, energy, and work to effectively plan and organize all our projects and activities. Each officer must serve faithfully and honestly in every task. The success . . . or failure . . . of our YLA is in your hands.

We are now at the most important time in the life of any organization. Officers who have completed a term of leadership are now ready to give their positions to others.

In the work we have done through the leadership of the retiring officers, our YLA has benefited. Each of us and our new officers are now better prepared to serve and to do even more.

We will now proceed with the installation of our new officers.



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### President to the President-Elect

\_\_\_\_\_ (name), you have been chosen for the office of President of this YLA. The members have placed their trust in you to lead our YLA in fulfilling its Purpose. The success of our YLA depends, to a large extent, upon your interest, devotion, work, and leadership.

In token of the trust and hope invested in you, I present you the President's gavel and this candle as a symbol of your leadership.

### Vice President to Vice President-Elect

\_\_\_\_\_ (name), you have been chosen to be Vice President of this YLA. You are responsible for our program. You must work to present programs of interest to our members. You are also to assist the President and to preside in the President's absence. Do your best to encourage and involve everyone in the activities of our YLA.

I give you the program records of this YLA, trusting that under your leadership our program will be expanded and strengthened. I hand you this lighted candle to symbolize your responsibilities.

### Chaplain to Chaplain-Elect

\_\_\_\_\_ (name), you have been chosen to serve as our Chaplain. You have the opportunity and responsibility to keep the purpose of YLA before our members through presentations, "visions," programs, and projects. Give time, thought, and concern as you plan to deepen all our understanding of our purpose.

I give you this lighted candle as a symbol of our purpose and your work to help us better fulfill YLA's purpose.

### Secretary to Secretary-Elect

\_\_\_\_\_ (name), you have been chosen to serve this YLA as Secretary. It is your duty to keep accurate records of meetings and activities, submit reports to the YLA Leadership Center, and answer correspondence. You are also responsible for the membership and membership drive of our YLA. Be regular in attendance, accurate in your records, and worthy of the position you hold.

I give you the secretarial records, literature of this YLA, membership records, and this candle as a symbol of your leadership.

### Treasurer to Treasurer-Elect

\_\_\_\_\_ (name), you have been chosen for the responsible office of Treasurer in this YLA. You must prepare a financial plan and budget for the year, receive membership fees and all other funds, keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures, guard faithfully all YLA funds, and present a monthly statement of finances at YLA meetings. It is your duty to see that sufficient funds are available before expenditures are made.



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In token of the trust given you, I give you the treasurer's records. I also give you this lighted candle as a symbol of our trust in your leadership.

### Historian to Historian-Elect

\_\_\_\_\_ (name), you have been chosen to be our YLA's historian. You are to keep copies of all materials, news clippings, programs, and photographs. You also create our scrapbook as a permanent record of our year.

This lighted candle is given as a symbol of your leadership.

### Sergeant at Arms to Sergeant at Arms-Elect

\_\_\_\_\_ (name), you have been chosen to serve as Sergeant at Arms. Your responsibility is to help assure successful meetings by making sure all meeting room arrangements are made, assist other officers with meeting arrangements, and help with the conduct of the meeting.

This lighted candle is given as a symbol of your leadership.

### Committee Chairpersons to Committee Chairpersons-Elect

YLA Missions - \_\_\_\_\_ (name), you will educate our members on the purpose of YLA missions, cause our YLA to pledge our support, and lead our efforts to meet our pledge.

Honor Recognition - \_\_\_\_\_ (name), you provide leadership that assures our YLA achieves Honor Recognition.

### Advisor

As the new officers of \_\_\_\_\_ (name) YLA, do you pledge your individual and collective loyalty to serve in your office, and will you carry out our purpose to "Involve Members in Developing Leadership, Fellowship, and Service While Increasing An Awareness of Oneself and the World?" If so, say, "I do."

### New Officers

"I do."

### Advisor

A successful YLA requires the loyalty, cooperation, and work of each member. I now ask each member, "Will you work to make this YLA successful for yourself, all our members, our school, and our community?" If so, answer, "I will."

### Members

"I will."



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### Advisor

The \_\_\_\_\_ YLA will work to make a difference for good in the lives of others, our school, and our community.

Please affirm our Purpose with me.

### All

"To Develop Leadership, Character, Fellowship, and Service While Increasing An Awareness of Oneself and the World."

### Induction of New Members

#### Chaplain

You are being inducted into an outstanding student organization. Our \_\_\_\_\_ YLA is part of the YLA Leadership Center, a program of the Ohio-West Virginia YLA.

Our Purpose is to "Involve Members in Developing Leadership, Fellowship, and Service While Increasing an Awareness of Oneself and the World."

#### President

Leadership is encouraging, guiding, and enabling others to learn and do for themselves.

#### Vice President

Fellowship - Friends are patient and kind, they are not jealous or boastful, and they are not arrogant or rude. Friends do not insist on their own way, they are not irritable or resentful, they do not rejoice at wrong, but delight in what is right. Friendship bears all things, believes all things, and endures all things. Friendship never ends.

#### Secretary

Service - In YLA we work to help others, to make a difference for good.

#### Treasurer

Awareness of Oneself and the World helps us better learn who we are and where we are going with our lives. We can strengthen our values as we help in building a better world.



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### Introduction of Guest Speaker by President

#### Speaker

### Presentation of New Members - Treasurer

Will the new members please stand (or come forward). Please affirm our YLA Purpose.

#### Candidates for Membership

"To Involve Members in Developing Leadership, Fellowship, and Service While Increasing an Awareness of Oneself and the World."

#### Treasurer

If you support this Purpose, answer, "I will."

#### Candidates

"I will."

The Treasurer presents the candidates for membership to the YLA and the President.

#### President

I declare you active members of the \_\_\_\_\_ YLA. You have agreed to help us achieve YLA's purpose.

On behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ YLA I welcome you into our organization. As members you are entitled and encouraged to participate in all our activities and you are required to regularly attend our meetings.

You are entitled to vote and to hold office. We need you to help our YLA succeed.

### Presentation of YLA Pins

The new members receive their YLA pin from their parents, officers, the advisor, or current members. When pins are presented, the new members then return to their seats.



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### Rededication of Current Members - Secretary

The secretary asks the current members to stand (or come forward) and asks them to rededicate themselves to the YLA purpose.

The secretary asks, "Do you rededicate yourself to the YLA purpose and will you work to help our YLA succeed this year?" If so, say, "I will."

### Members

"I will."

### Advisor

New and current members - you are all aware of the needs around us. There is much that needs done to help people, to improve our community, and to help our nation. Each of us and our YLA has a duty to serve, to help make a difference for good. Let each of us and our YLA respond to the challenge!