

CONNECTIOANL USHER DAY CEREMONY AND CELEBRATION
CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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REDEDICATION CEREMONY

NOTE: All Ushers should be in uniform and participate in the rededication ceremony. The Pastor will call all Ushers down to stand before the Altar. Ushers will walk down in unity - in one or two lines.

Pastor: This, the Second Sunday in September, is Connectional Usher Day. Ushers/Doorkeepers across the CME Connection, from coast-to-coast, are rededicating themselves to this worthy and vital ministry.

The People: We the people of God celebrate and appreciate our Ushers and their work, service, dedication, and commitment in serving God's people. We will faithfully and sincerely pray, encourage, and lift up our Ushers. May they grow in God's love and His Spirit as "Doorkeepers for Christ."

Pastor: Lord, I humbly commend to you, the Users of (Local Church Name)_as they rededicate themselves to you and to the purpose for their ministry.

Ushers: We dedicate our hearts, minds, and souls, to God the Father, and in the name of Jesus the Christ, His only Son our Lord and Savior.

Pastor: Will you continue to be faithful and loyal to the most High God, Jesus the Christ?

Ushers: We will prayerfully and faithfully do so.

Pastor: Ushering is a special ministry designed to aid in the growth of the Church. As you grow in your personal relationship with God, will you stay united in the body of Christ?

Ushers: Yes, we pledge to work on one accord, - showing God's unconditional love as we welcome with a smile the spirit of Christ, to all who enters the house of the Lord.

Pastor: Will you study God's word and apply it to your every day living by upholding the Usher Ministry through prayer, training, fellowship, and service; and will you honor one another, serve one another, forgive one another, encourage one another, and respect and love one another.

Ushers: We will, through prayer and patience, endeavor to do so, as we serve His people and witness in His name.

Pastor: God has blessed you to be a blessing to others. Go in His Spirit, His Peace, His Mercy, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, to fulfill His purpose as Doorkeepers for Christ.

Ushers: We are Ushers united on one accord in the Body of Christ. We stand in unity, work in faith, and serve in love.

Ushers: We are Ushers united on one accord in the Body of Christ. In the precious name of Jesus, we thank you Lord, we praise you Lord, and we magnify your Holy Name!

Pastor: May the peace of God abide in and with you, now and forever more. Let us pray . . . (The Pastor will pray a special prayer for the Ushers and their ministry).

Closing: The pastor will ask the congregation to stand and join in singing "WE ARE ON THE BATTLE FIELD!" During the song, Ushers will greet one another, the Pastor, and the congregation with expressions of love as they return to their seats.

"TO GOD BE THE GLORY"

