



BLESSING OR COMMISSIONING
FOR THOSE ATTENDING
HURON CHURCH CAMP

At the time of the Prayers of the People or Intercessions the presiding minister says in these or similar words.

Dear friends,
in the mission of Jesus Christ
we are constantly brought together and sent out.
We are gathered by God's word and table,
and we are sent out to do God's work
of healing, justice, and peace.

Today that rhythm unfolds in our midst:

N (or N, and NN) has (have) been called to work, play and pray at Huron Church Camp as a member of the staff.

N (or N, and NN) has (have) been called to learn, play and pray at Huron Church Camp as a participant in the Leader in Training Program.

N (or N, and NN) has (have) been called to gather with others to play and pray at Huron Church Camp as a camper.

The presiding minister continues,

We are on body with one mission,
united in both call and prayer.
Let us now offer prayer
for *N (N, and NN)*
and those whose tasks, learning and play they will share.

Silence is kept.

For *N (or N, and NN)*, that their presence at Huron Church Camp may strengthen the bonds of fellowship among those they will serve and journey with at Huron Church Camp and between our church and the camp,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For *N (or N, and NN)*, that in their ministering to others they may acknowledge and respect the gifts of those they work with, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For *N (or N, and NN)*, that as they grow in leadership they will also grow in Christ, learning what it means to serve the least, the lost and the young, let us ask for the strength of the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For *N (or N, and NN)*, that as they play and pray with other in their cabin and at the camp that they may experience the joy and gift of fellowship, let us ask for the guidance and bliss of the Holy Spirit.

Lord have mercy.

For Huron Church Camp, that all who have and will minister in this place and all who have and will attend this summer, let us ask that they may experience the marks of God's Kingdom; deliverance, peace, justice, healing, community, God's presence and joy.

Lord have mercy.

Other Intercessions or Prayers of the People may be offered.

The presiding minister concludes the Intercessions or Prayers of the People in these or similar words.

We thank you, gracious God,
for enriching us with the gifts of your Spirit,
and providing opportunities to use and develop them.

Grant that as we send forth *N (or N, and NN)* in your name,
so they may return to us with a new sense of your presence and purpose
in the lives of others;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The presiding minister then invites the person or persons to be commissioned to come forward and continues in these or similar words with hands outstretched.

We bless you, O God, and we praise your name,
you anointed your own Son with the Holy Spirit
sending him into the wilderness to conquer temptation,
to preach good news to the poor,
to heal the broken-hearted,
and to comfort the sorrowful.
Look kindly on your servant(s)

whom we send forth to *minister, learn and/or play*
at Huron Church Camp.

Guide *his/her/their* steps, and with the power of your grace
strengthen *him/her/them* in spirit.

Make *his/her/their* words the echo of Christ's voice,
so those who hear *him/her/them* may be drawn to the Gospel.

Join *his/her/their* story this summer with the great story of discipleship and
salvation.

Through *him/her/them* may your Holy Spirit
touch the hearts of all *he/she/they* meet(s).

We ask this through Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the same Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**