

A Litany of Commitment

President: Because thou hast called us to salvation and to Christian living.

Body: We consecrate ourselves to thee, O Lord.

President: Because thou hast commanded us to witness to the gospel of saving grace,

Body: We consecrate our lips to thee, O Lord.

President: Because thou hast commanded us to teach the unsearchable riches of thy Word.

Body: We consecrate our minds to thee, O Lord.

President: Because thou has called us to minister to people whatever we find them in need,

Body: We dedicate our hands in thy service, O Lord.

President: Because we are so often limited in our understanding,

Body: We plead the direction of thy Holy Spirit, O Lord.

President: Because the work we face is often unpleasant and difficult,

Body: Make us constant in our work, O Lord.

President: Because our sins of selfishness often lead to misunderstanding and wrong attitudes,

Body: Wilt thou keep our hearts pure, O Lord.

President: Because of the magnitude of the opportunity to challenge and mold the lives of others,

Body: Help us to reflect the character of Christ in our living and service, O Lord.

All: We beseech thee, O Lord, to use our ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ, until we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of Jesus Christ thy Son, unto mature Christian workers, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ.

The Ceremony of Installation

Officiant to President: President Nash, will you accept the Charge to be the spiritual leader of the Convention? Answer

Will you care deeply, work closely with, and pray for the Pastors, Preachers and Churches, that make up the membership of this convention? Answer

Will you responsibly administer the affairs of this convention under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in consultation with your staff, ministry leaders and the people of the convention as we carry out the work of the convention? Answer

Will you covenant with the people to make this a living, vibrant,

Officiant to Body: Will you the Members of this Convention accept, support and uphold our president as he leads us? Answer

Will you respond to His leadership, by vigorous, dedicated, and faithful participation in the life of this convention as it carries out the mission of worship, evangelism, nurture and service, both at home and abroad? Answer

Will you be kind to our President, be his friend, protect him from the evils that lurk oftentimes in ambush to destroy his influence and thereby weaken the convention? Answer

The Charges

Officiant to President: Having committed yourself to this work, I charge you to care alike for the young and the old, strong and weak, rich and poor, learned and unlearned, as you fulfill the duties of the office of president of this convention.

Officiant to Body: Since you have elected our president, I charge you to willingly and prayerfully support, cooperate and work together with him in the name of Jesus Christ whom you serve.

The Mutual Covenant Between President and People

President and People Read In Unison

We will strive to cooperatively create and sustain an effective ministry that will renew and strengthen, each association, church and member of this body of believers.

The Prayer of Commitment

Reverend Oveal Walker, III

The Pronouncement

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority committed to me by this convention, I here do and now declare Reverend Stephen C. Nash duly set apart to the office of the President of the Baptist Missionary and education convention of Texas. I charge you, therefore in the name of The Father, Son, and Holy Ghost to be faithful in this office and to your high calling as a Preacher, Pastor and President.