

LITURGY FOR THE AFFIRMATION OF A MISSIONARY

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: We believe this individual to be duly called to cross-cultural ministry in service to God and the Kingdom. Today we invite all present to join us in sending him (or her) into the mission field.

We have witnessed the movement of God within our district and in the life of this individual. Today we bear witness to this in the life of _____.

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Your district family now affirms your witness to the world through Christlike discipleship. We charge you to enter into this cross-cultural ministry in the power and leading of the Holy Spirit, spreading scriptural holiness everywhere you go. As a people of God who are a part of the movement of God, we send you to participate cross-culturally in the mission of God.

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(Lay hands on the missionary)

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