

RECEPTION OF TRANSFER INTO NORTH OLMSTED UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

Friends, I present Jim and Judy Sainsbury, who seek to transfer membership from Rocky River UMC to North Olmsted UMC.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness,
reject the evil powers of this world,
and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you
to resist evil, injustice, and oppression
in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior,
put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church
which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you,
will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church
and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Do you, as Christ's body, the Church,
reaffirm both your rejection of sin
and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life
and include Jim and Judy now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news
and live according to the example of Christ.**

**We will surround Jim and Judy
with a community of love and forgiveness,
that they may grow in their trust of God,
and be found faithful in their service to others.**

**We will pray for them,
that they may be true disciples
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Jim and Judy, remember your baptism and be thankful.

Amen.

REAFFIRMATION OF COMMITMENT TO CHRIST THROUGH THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

As members of Christ's universal Church,
will you continue to be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church,
and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries?

I will.

RECEPTION INTO THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

As members of this congregation,
will you faithfully participate in its ministries
by your prayers, your presence,
your gifts, your service,
and your witness?

I will.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God,
I commend Jim and Judy to your love and care.
Do all in your power to increase their faith,
confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**We give thanks for all that God has already given you
and we welcome you in Christian love.**

**As members together with you
in the body of Christ
and in this congregation
of The United Methodist Church,
we renew our covenant
faithfully to participate
in the ministries of the Church
by our prayers, our presence,
our gifts, our service, and our witness,
that in everything God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ.**

The God of all grace, who has called us
to eternal glory in Christ,
establish you and strengthen you
that you may live in grace and peace.