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Commissioning and Blessing
of Summer Camp Staff

Leader 1: In a busy, fragmented world, camp offers people an opportunity to pause, to immerse themselves in the beauty of creation, to open themselves more fully to God, and to experience a Christ-centred, holistic, community life.

Congregation: May our camps be places where people seek and find God’s face in creation, receive God’s love in Christ, and radiate God’s Spirit in the world.

Leader 2: We are so grateful for the many adults and youth who will serve as camp staff this summer. This morning we ask for God’s blessing upon them, and we offer them the support and prayers of their church community.

Leader 1: Our camps remind us of the beauty of God’s creation, and the interconnectedness of all life. God, bless these staff as they learn and teach the importance of living in right relation with all you have created.

Camp Staff: We commit ourselves to honouring the beauty and rhythms of creation, and to teaching others to live with respect and care.

Congregation: We will pray for you in your ministry of caring for all of God’s creation.

Leader 2: God, bless the staff as they practice discipleship, as they model Jesus’ life and teachings for others. Guide them as they nurture and shepherd the campers this summer.
Camp Staff: As best we can, we will be Christ-like companions to all our campers. We offer ourselves as God’s eyes and hands and feet in our camps, so that God’s love and grace may be made known to others on their journey.

Congregation: We will pray for you in your ministry of mentoring and caring for all who come to camp this summer.

Leader 1: God, give these camp staff wisdom as they discern the spiritual, emotional and social needs of the campers they work with. By your grace, may these relationships and their relationships with each other be transformative.

Camp Staff: We offer our gifts and talents, our energy and enthusiasm to this camping ministry. We too are on journeys of transformation. As we walk, we will invite others to walk with us, serving as your disciples.

Congregation: God, bless these women and men as they accept your call to camping ministry. May your love be magnified through the work of their hands. May they lead and be led in the journey that awaits them.

Leader 2: Each camp worker has a special prayer partner from our church community who has volunteered to pray for them and care for them during their camping ministry this summer. (Please stand if you are a prayer partner, and read together.)

Prayer Partners: We commit ourselves to supporting these camp staff. We will pray for you and ask God to bless your work and your rest, the relationships you will build and the solitude you will need. May you sense the Spirit’s movement in and around you.

Leader 2: There are also many children and teens from our congregation who will be campers this summer. (Please stand if you will a camper this summer.) May these campers be filled with awe at your creation, may they be nurtured in their journeys of faith, may they experience healthy, strong relationships with each other and with the staff.

Congregation: Bless these campers, God. May their weeks at camp be filled with growth, adventure, faith, and fun.