



Commissioning of the Mutual Mission
Jamaica Team
Presbytery of St. Augustine
May 2, 2023



SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE (John 13:34-35)

One: Jesus said: I give you a new commandment - Love each other.

All: **Just as I have loved you, so also you must love each other. This is how everyone will know you are my disciples when you love each other.**

CALLED TO DISCIPLESHIP

The church is called to demonstrate Christ's love in tangible ways. The Presbytery of St. Augustine, through its Mutual Mission ministry, works in partnership with the Jamaica Ecumenical Mutual Mission to support, grow and strengthen relationships with the people of Jamaica and of other Caribbean countries. On behalf of the Mutual Mission ministry of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, we present the following individuals for commissioning. Those to be commissioned who are present here, please come forward now.

COMMISSIONING QUESTIONS

[To the Team]

One: The Presbytery of St. Augustine celebrates you and your devotion to the tasks ahead of you as you join hearts and hands with our brothers and sisters in Jamaica. Through the gift of your service and its example of love, you show others the infinite love God has for everyone everywhere. This is both a privilege and a responsibility, and we ask that you now publicly affirm your commitment to this work.

One: Will you respect and honor the people of Jamaica as you worship and work together to make Christ's love visible?

Team: I will, with God's help.

One: Will you seek to work in glad cooperation and mutual support with other workers, being sensitive and helpful according to the needs presented to you?

Team: I will, with God's help.

One: Will you conduct yourself in a manner that will demonstrate your love of Christ and the churches you represent?

Team: I will, with God's help.

One: Do you sincerely believe that the work you are about to undertake is truly the work of God within our world?

Team: I do believe so.

[To the Presbytery]

One: Do you, members of the Presbytery of St. Augustine, promise to pray for this team and the work they will do on your behalf, asking God's blessings on them during their trip and bringing them safely home?

All: **We do.**

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Let us pray:

Holy God, look graciously upon these persons now to be commissioned. Endow them with your spirit, enrich them with your grace and strengthen them for the tasks which lie ahead, so that through their work, your name may be glorified. AMEN.

THE COMMISSIONING

One: On behalf of this presbytery, I commission you to share the love of Jesus Christ with your gift of service to our brothers and sisters in Jamaica. Go as representatives of Christ and his church. I now commend these individuals to the presbytery for love, care, prayers and support for the work they will perform on our behalf.

ALL: **We rejoice recognizing you as representatives of this presbytery and thank God for your dedication and heart for service. We send you forth with our prayers and our support, and we renew our commitment to God and service in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray God's blessings for you and our partners in ministry in Jamaica. AMEN.**

The Team: Jane Austin, Bob Bell, Joy Byrd, Mark Donald, Sandy Donald, Melanie DuBois, Mike Foster, Jim Gaff, Sharen Gaff, Tracie Goodwin, Sandy Highsmith, Charles Liggett, Heather Liggett, Karen Maddox, Mark Poole, Ashley Speas, Mike Wersonske