



Liturgy of Letting Go

Bishop: God we give thanks to you today.

People: We thank you for the laity, pastors and congregations who have journeyed to this moment.

Bishop: We confess that we have not arrived at this new start without difficulty.

People: We confess that conflict, anxiety, distrust, power struggles, and arrogance have created obstacles along the journey of becoming a new conference.

Bishop: Jesus, we believe you can transform us.

People: We offer ourselves in surrender to your leading.

Former Memphis Conference: We let go of what is needed in order to move forward today.

Former Tennessee Conference: We let go of what is needed in order to move forward today.

Bishop: Let us be willing to sacrifice what we have been for what we can become through the love of Christ.

People: The renewing work of Jesus is evident through us!

Bishop: Change is a constant in our lives.

People: And the Lord walks with us through each transition.

Bishop: Sometimes we don't know where we are headed.

People: And yet, the Lord leads the way.

Bishop: Today we let go of all the baggage that needs to be left behind.

People: Lord help us let go. We let go today and willingly allow you to carry us forward.

Bishop: Holy God, carry us forward into this new beginning surrounded by the cloud of witnesses of those who have gone before. We trust you. We love you and we rely on you to guide our steps

Bishop Prays:

Gracious God, another step in this journey is complete. You are so faithful to walk with us in this work. We praise you for the creation of the Tennessee and Memphis Conferences and we praise you for their completion. May you birth and confirm in us today the mission, vision, values, and work of the Tennessee-Western Kentucky Conference.