



PWOC INSTALLATION CEREMONY PROGRAM NOTES

Installation Programs are always special, and we have worked hard to bring you a fresh program that will touch not only the incoming and outgoing board members, but everyone in attendance. Through “**Cardboard Testimonies**” (see below), we have sought to minimize the formality of such a program and maximize the life-changing impact of Christ as Lord.

The power of “Cardboard Testimonies” for an Installation Program is in showing those who are gathered that the most important qualification for leadership is Christ in me, the hope of glory! Where He calls, He equips, and our past sin does not disqualify us from fellowship or service.

You may choose to announce Cardboard Testimonies the week prior to the Installation Program in case women want to check it out online beforehand, to be inspired and perhaps to consider their own words.

A crucial foundation for this program is your Advisory Chaplain’s participation and message of the sufficiency of Christ into PWOC, the upcoming year, and the individual lives of the women who attend.

Decorations are intentionally simple, and more time is set aside for fellowship. This is both to give the outgoing board a peaceful and easy send-off, and to allow the focus to be on the inner beauty of a life surrendered to God.

Timeline

- Arrival & Savory Snacks {15 minutes}
- Welcome, Remarks & Opening Prayer from Outgoing President {5 minutes}
- Cardboard Testimony Video {5 minutes}
- Outgoing Board Cardboard Testimonies {5 minutes}
- Incoming board Cardboard Testimonies {5 minutes}
- Floor Open for Cardboard Testimonies {5 minutes}
- Chaplain Speaks on 2 Corinthians 12:9 {15 minutes}
- Remarks & Closing Prayer by Incoming President {5 minutes}
- Cake & Punch {30 minutes}

Decorations

Focal point is a cake table as women enter, with the cake & punch that will be served at the end of the Program. Cake can be decorated either with the PWOC logo or as a mock "Cardboard Testimony" saying "I once was lost but now I'm found!"

You will also want a table with LOTS of cardboard squares and fat Sharpie markers for women to fill out their "Cardboard Testimonies." Board members should be getting theirs filled out prior to the program.

Arrival & Snacks

Because cardboard testimonies are so personal (whereas installation ceremonies can often feel impersonal), begin your day with fellowship and simple refreshments, such as coffee, water & breakfast casserole or quiche. You might play Toby Mac or DC Talk in the background to create a casual atmosphere.

Welcome, Remarks & Opening Prayer from Outgoing President

President should explain Cardboard Testimonies, welcome guests, and pray over food and morning. This is also a good time for her to give brief parting remarks. Any gifts, etc. for outgoing board members should be done outside of this program so participants don't feel left out.

Cardboard Testimony Video

DVD can be purchased at the following website for \$6.00 plus shipping. Or, if you have someone very "tech savvy" you can download it off of the internet or YouTube yourself.

[http://store.rhchurch.org/SearchResults.asp?Search=cardboard.](http://store.rhchurch.org/SearchResults.asp?Search=cardboard)

Outgoing & Incoming Board Cardboard Testimonies {10 minutes total}

Board Members Cardboard Testimonies: On one side of each incoming and outgoing board member's cardboard is her name and job description (such as Jane Doe, Outgoing President). Then, on the other side, is her cardboard testimony which points to Christ's provision.

Suggested background slides for overhead: First "Outgoing Board Testimonies," then "Incoming Board Testimonies," and "Your Testimony."

As women are walking up front, play the song "How He Loves" by David Crowder playing in background. You can choose to use a pianist/vocalist or play the song from a CD on a sound system.

Floor Open for Cardboard Testimonies

This is an opportunity for all in attendance to share their "Cardboard Testimony." Again, a table should be available with plenty of cardboard squares & Sharpie markers. Background slide on overhead should read "Your Testimony" at this point.

Chaplain Speaks on 2 Corinthians 12:9

2 Corinthians 12:9 "But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me."

Emphasis of this talk should be on what PWOC is doing (leading, teaching, developing and involving) and why (for the gospel; for Christ; so that the power of Christ may rest upon us).

As Cardboard Testimonies illustrate, nothing in our past can disqualify us from salvation, fellowship with Christ or His people, or service done in His name. Rather, His power is made perfect in our weakness.

His power does not simply enter into our past weaknesses, but gracefully and powerfully helps us with the today's needs. The love Christ has for me and the provisions He makes for me, daily, are amazing.

Chaplain should end talk with a prayer over the incoming board & PWOC year, and for the cake.

Cake & Punch

Incoming PWOC President and her board may want to cut and serve the cake and punch. This is a good time to play the upbeat background music, such as Toby Mac or DC Talk. The music should add to the sense of celebration, friendship, and fun that Christ makes possible.

Again, cake can be decorated with PWOC insignia or made to look like a cardboard testimony that says, "I once was lost but now am found."

Using Cardboard Testimonies for Designated Offering Sunday

Once a year, the tithes and offerings collected during chapel services are donated, in part, to PWOC. These offerings present a great opportunity to get the word out about PWOC and its impact on the lives of women and families. Consider asking the chaplains in charge of each of the Protestant services if PWOC can facilitate "Cardboard Testimonies" that day. These often takes 10-15 minutes, and might be most appropriate during a portion of the time allotted for announcements and worship. Remember to bring extra cardboard and markers, and invite those congregated to participate if they so choose.