

## A Liturgy for the annual commissioning of leaders in children's and youth programs



Uniting Church in Australia  
SYNOD OF VICTORIA AND TASMANIA

This Liturgy may be included in a regular worship service at the start of the new school year. The children are welcomed and blessed. Leaders and volunteers in children's and youth programs receive a blessing and are commissioned in their leadership for the forthcoming year.

As well as offering a blessing this liturgy assists in meeting some of the requirements of the Synod Keeping Children Safe policy.

- Leaders are publicly presented to the congregation
- The minister reaffirms the Church Council commitment to the policy
- The congregation commits to safeguarding children and vulnerable people

This liturgy is shared by Brunswick Uniting congregation in the hope it will be used by others.

**Keeping  
Children  
Safe**



### To the congregation:

**Minister:** Here at XXX Uniting Church we have committed ourselves to implementing the Keeping Children Safe Policy of the Uniting Church in Australia, Synod of Victoria and Tasmania. I invite you to reaffirm that commitment now.

Together as a congregation will you continue to listen, care and work with our children and leaders to safeguard the vulnerable from abuse and neglect, and to promote their safety and well-being?

### Congregation:

**We will, for this is God's desire for all creation.**

**Minister:** Remembering that it takes a whole congregation to raise a child in the faith, do you commit yourself to the support of our congregation's children's Christian education program?

### Congregation:

**We do**

**Minister:** And do you undertake to pray for the leaders and children and to ensure adequate resources are made available for this ministry?

### Congregation:

**We do**

### To parents:

**Minister:** Recognising the partnership between this congregation and you in the Christian education of your children will you undertake to teach your children by example, and ensure they have opportunity to partake in this program, that they may grow into disciples of Jesus Christ?

### Parents Respond:

**We do**

### To leaders:

**Minister:** Will you accept the responsibilities and privileges of teaching our children the way of Jesus in our Children's education ministry?

### Leaders respond:

**We will, God being our helper**

**Minister:** Will you be diligent in prayer for the children, prepare well and use your creativity and skills to the best of your God given ability?

**Leaders respond:**

**We will, God being our helper**

(This is followed by a Commissioning Prayer)