

COMMISSIONING OF YOUTH AND ADULTS
to the
MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE
I lift my eyes to the hills... Psalm 121

Leader: Who is your Lord and Savior?

Commissionees: ***Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.***

Leader: Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love?

Commissionees: ***I will, with God's help.***

Leader: Do you welcome the responsibility of representing Covenant, and will you seek to follow Christ in all that you do and say at Montreat?

Commissionees: ***I will, with God's help.***

Leader: Do you, the members of Covenant confirm the call of God to our sisters and brothers to grow in faith, learning, and fellowship by participating in the Montreat Youth Conference?

ALL: ***We do.***

Leader: Will you support them with your prayers while they're away, welcome them warmly when they return, and pester them enthusiastically for stories about their experience?

ALL: ***We will!***

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Acts 2:1-21 (NRSV)

- 1: When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place.
- 2: And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting.

**** *Everyone MAKE the SOUND of rushing wind!* ****

- 3: Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them.

**ALL: All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak
in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.**

**** *Everyone is invited to SPEAK OUT in whatever languages you know,
whether English, Spanish, Chinese, or another language!* ****

- 1: Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem.
- 2: And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each.
- 3: Amazed and astonished, they asked,

**ALL: “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear,
each of us, in our own native language?**

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- 1: Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,
2: Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to
Cyrene,
3: and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, residents of Crete, and Arabs—

ALL: In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

- 1: All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

ALL: "What does this mean?"

- 2: But others sneered and said,

ALL: "They are filled with new wine."

- 1: But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them:
2: "People of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to
what I say.
3: Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.
No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

**ALL: "In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon
all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men
shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams.**

- 1: Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and
they shall prophesy.
2: And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and
fire, and smoky mist.
3: The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the
Lord's great and glorious day.

ALL: Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."