

TOMORROW'S CALLING

The Mission and Discipleship Council would like to thank The Very Rev Dr Sheilagh Kesting for providing this prayer as part of 'Tomorrow's Calling'.

As Jesus called disciples to follow him,
prepared them for leadership - by reflection on the Scriptures and in action,
prayed for their unity - that the world might believe
and reaffirmed his calling of them in the days following his resurrection,
sending them out to proclaim the good news everywhere;
so we recognise that call today in those who are stirred to ministry.

Disciples whose leadership gifts reflect the ways of Christ.
Who carefully seek the building up of the community of believers
working across denominational divides
to be a source of hope and inspiration in a world of fear and pain.

We pray that those who offer themselves for ministry
and those who prepare them,
may be guided by that spirit of unity for which Christ prayed:
That they may treasure the diversity of the Christian community
and value the distinctive gifts of all.
That they would have the courage to explore questions
without resorting to quick and easy answers
nor be afraid to embrace new understandings of human life and creation
in the light of today's experiences.

May they seek always the face of Christ
in each person they encounter.

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