

Connecting with God, the world and each other



The **Methodist** Church 



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Commissioning Service for
JMA collectors and secretaries 2019

Introduction

The commissioning of JMA collectors and secretaries would usually take place during an act of worship. It provides an opportunity to acknowledge the particular contribution of JMA groups and for wider reflection on how we share in God's mission for the sake of the world. Certificates and badges can be presented to JMA collectors, whilst also acknowledging the work of the JMA secretary and celebrating the work that all their fundraising enables. Certificates, badges and more copies of this service sheet are available from Methodist Publishing. All items are free. To order them, call 0845 017 8220 or visit www.methodistpublishing.org.uk

This service sheet can also be downloaded from the JMA section of the Methodist Church website at www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs19

The commissioning

Congregation responses in bold type.

Leader or

JMA collector

Let us pray.
Faithful God,
from our earliest days, you call us by name to serve you.
Age is not a barrier; children or adults are called alike.
Help us to recognise your voice and empower us to respond.
We are your disciples and serve you through supporting others.
Amen.

Leader

Today we commission those who offer themselves for service as Junior Mission for All secretaries and collectors in the Methodist Church.

Share about JMA in your church. This could include explaining about Methodist Partner Churches and mission partners, telling their stories or handing out copies of Rainbow magazine.

Leader

We are the Body of Christ.

Congregation

Each of us is a member of the Body of Christ, from the youngest to the oldest person.

Leader

There is one ministry of Christ.

Congregation

In this ministry we all share, from the youngest to the oldest person.

Leader There are different ways of serving God.

Congregation **It is the same God whom we serve.**

JMA secretary comes to the front.

Leader The JMA promise is to “learn, pray and serve with the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ”.

The Christian nurture of children and young people is the responsibility of the whole Church. It is a privilege to pray for those in our care, to offer by word and deed a Christian example and to guide and accompany them on their journey of faith.

Today we gather in worship and ask that you **[name]** may continue to serve God through your role as JMA secretary in this church.

JMA secretary With God’s help, I will.

JMA collectors come to the front.

Leader Today we gather in worship and say thank you to **[name(s)]** for your dedication and enthusiasm as JMA collector/s and ask that you may continue to serve God through your role as JMA collector/s in this church.

JMA collector/s With God’s help, I/we will.

Certificates and badges are handed out to the JMA collectors.

Leader Members of the body of Christ, will you encourage and support the JMA collectors and secretary in their service to God through JMA?

Congregation **With God’s help, we will.**

Leader Let us pray.

Loving God, we thank you for those who have responded to your call. We pray that your Holy Spirit will inspire them as they undertake their role(s) for Junior Mission for All.

Congregation **Amen.**

The service continues.

The Junior Mission for All (JMA) promise is to:

“Learn, pray and serve with the worldwide Church of Jesus Christ”.

JMA is part of the Methodist Church’s mission programme. Children and young people raise funds for JMA to support the Methodist Church’s World Mission Fund and Mission in Britain Fund.

Last year, JMA collectors raised well over £97,000. Of this, 80% went to the World Mission Fund to help 60 Partner Churches in Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific. The other 20% supported Methodist mission projects across the UK.

Rainbow is the JMA magazine telling inspiring stories about mission around Britain, Ireland and the world, from a child’s point of view. To order your free copies, visit www.methodistpublishing.org.uk

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