

# Connecting with God, the world and each other



## Commissioning Service for JMA collectors and group leaders



# Introduction

The commissioning of JMA collectors and group leaders would usually take place during an act of worship. It provides an opportunity to acknowledge the particular contribution of JMA groups as well as to reflect 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 group leader, as a way of 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 place your order, call **0845 017 8220** or visit [www.methodistpublishing.org.uk](http://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/jmacs](http://www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs) where you will find other resources and ideas for your Commissioning Service.

JMA has a long and proud history, which can trace its beginnings back to 1812. You could begin your service by asking any adults in the congregation who were JMA collectors when they were children to raise their hands.

## The commissioning

*Congregation responses in bold type.*

**Service 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 and 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.**

**Service leader** Today, we commission those who offer themselves for service with Junior Mission for All in the Methodist Church.

*Share about JMA in your church. This could include explaining about Methodist Partner Churches and telling the stories of mission partners, as well as sharing copies of Rainbow magazine. Please see the materials available online at [www.methodist.org.uk/jma](http://www.methodist.org.uk/jma) and [www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs](http://www.methodist.org.uk/jmacs)*

**Service leader** We are the Body of Christ.

**Congregation** Each of us is a member of it, from the youngest to the oldest.

**Service leader** There is one ministry of Christ.

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

**Service leader** There are different ways of serving God.

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

*JMA group leader comes to the front.*

**Service 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 group leader in this church.

**JMA group leader** With God’s help, I will.

*JMA collectors come to the front.*

**Service 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.*

**Service leader** Members of the Body of Christ, will you encourage and support the JMA collectors and group leaders in their service to God through JMA?

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

**Service 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 JMA (Junior Mission for All) promise is to:

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

Children and young people who are part of JMA learn about mission, pray for projects in Britain, Ireland and worldwide and support the Methodist Church’s Mission Funds.

Out of the funds raised by JMA collectors, 80 per cent goes to help more than 60 Partner Churches in Africa, Europe, Latin America, the Caribbean, Asia and the Pacific. The other 20 per cent supports Methodist mission projects across the Connexion. In Ireland, 100 per cent of the funds raised by JMA goes to the overseas project they are focusing on for the year.

*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](http://www.methodistpublishing.org.uk)

You can also read, download and print the current and past editions of *Rainbow* magazine at [www.methodist.org.uk/jma](http://www.methodist.org.uk/jma)



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