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2009 CHARGE CONFERENCE WORSHIP ORDER
OUR WITNESS FOR JESUS CHRIST

Gathering Time (Greetings, Music, slides/pictures/video of church's year, etc.)

Welcome Host Pastor **G**

Explanation of Conference as Worship, Announcements DS

Hymn/Song

Opening Prayer Guest Pastor **R**

Introduction of the Witnessing for Christ DS

The DS could talk about the addition of the promise that we will witness for Christ to our church membership vows, pointing out that we witness in different ways depending on where and to whom we are making the witness. The traits of a Healthy Congregation, worship, hospitality, mission, and Christian formation, are all part of that witness. The video shows how the contexts in which we witness have changed asking us to consider what response we are making in our witness for Christ.

Video

Do I have a Witness? Gray Southern

Hymn

A Renewal of Membership Vows Gray and District Lay Leader

Hymn/Song

Blessing DS

A RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP VOWS

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ:

Through the reaffirmation of our faith we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all age, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?

I will.

Will you be loyal to Christ through The United Methodist Church and do all in your power to strengthen its ministries and faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?

I will.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace. **Amen.**

