



## **Boys' Brigade Affirmation/Dedication**

### **Pastor to Officers:**

Let us publicly, before each other and before our God, affirm who we are, and dedicate ourselves in prayer to Him and to His Service.

Your identity is primarily that of representatives of those congregations in which you serve. It is from them that you receive the office in which you minister and it is to them that you are responsible. Your identity then has a communal dimension; you are part of the Body of Christ, the Church.

**Officers:** We acknowledge that the church, named in the New Testament "the Body of Christ" is God's creation through his dynamic Word and Spirit. We recognise our identity as part of that Body, and that we serve, not in our own right, but by the call and authority of the church.

Lord, we praise you for the honour which is ours to serve within your Body, and we dedicate ourselves anew to the service within that community which you have created.

**Pastor:** Your identity is also that of representatives of the Boys' Brigade in which you serve. You are drawn together in bonds of fraternity, by your need for mutual support and encouragement, and that you may be equipped for service back in your congregations. Your identity, then, has a fraternal dimension; you are part of the Boys' Brigade movement.

**Officers:** We acknowledge the privilege of belonging to the fraternity of the Boys' Brigade as an organisation. We acknowledge the benefits of mutual support, encouragement, and of training for more effective service. Lord, we praise you for your blessing of the Boys' Brigade organisation during the past \_\_\_ years and we seek your active blessing for this year. We dedicate ourselves anew to its objectives.

**Pastor:** Your identity is also that of an individual standing before the Triune God, under His Lordship, equipped by the Spirit with individual gifts, for your ministry. And it is to God that you are finally responsible as an individual. Your identity, then, has an individual dimension as you stand before your God.

**Officers:** We acknowledge and affirm that we stand individually under the Lordship of God, and that He has equipped us individually for the benefit of the Body. We dedicate ourselves and these gifts to Him, putting aside any inclination to pride and personal promotion.

Lord, we honour you for your grace in coming to each of us. Help us always to be as a grain of wheat which dies that there may be life. May Your Kingdom reach more and more to the Glory of Your Name.

**Pastor:** Go in the strength which He gives. May His grace be continually upon you. May you have His joy within you. May His Spirit continue to equip, recreate and guide you always, AMEN.