

## Seeking the Consecrated Life – Taking my next step

As United Methodists, we vow to uphold the church with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness. Are you ready to take the next step on your path in one or more of those areas? Look at the examples below and write in your own commitment to a specific step on your journey to a consecrated life. Bring this with you to place on the altar during the Celebration Service on May 19. If you are unable to be at the service, simply return to the church and we will place it on the altar for you.

### I want to take a step closer to Jesus in

#### Prayers

- Pray daily for those around me, for the church, for those in need
- Celebrate God's amazing love in prayer and worship; pray aloud in a church group
- Sign up for Pastor Gary's daily devotional emails
- Build or join a small prayer group

The new step I want to take in my prayer life:

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#### Presence

- Take a step forward in my presence and my participation in worship
- Be faithful to personal and public worship, study, and caring for others
- Take a step to grow into the full measure of the presence of Christ

The new step I want to take in being in Christ's presence:

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#### Gifts

- Take a new step in the commitment of my time to the life of the congregation
- Identify the ways in which my skills can be applied where needed
- Take a new step in giving financial resources to Paxton UMC and to God

The new step I want to take in giving back to God:

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#### Service

- Identify ways to care for others in the congregation
- Identify ways to care for others in my neighborhood or across the globe
- Take a new step in serving or supporting a mission project

The new step I want to take in service for Jesus Christ:

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## Witness

- Participate in a small group to pray, study, and witness
- Learn more about how I can share God's love and give public witness to my faith
- Seek training as a servant leader or speaker
- Teach the Gospel in Christian education, retreats, or seminars

The new step I want to take in my witness for Jesus Christ:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Best ways for Paxton UMC to communicate with me are: mail – phone – text – email

I would like to talk with the Pastor or a church member about \_\_\_\_\_

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Extra copies of this form are available at the Church if needed, for everyone to participate.

Thank you! Together, we can continue to grow and share God's love!