

The Federation Hymn may be used to conclude the ceremony.

FEDERATION HYMN

To Thee, our God, Creator, King,
To Thee our hymn of thanks we sing,
Alleluia, Alleluia

Thy boundless mercy crowns our days,
Thine be the meed of joyful praise,
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia

Thy truth and patience make us know,
Toward Thy perfection let us grow.
Alleluia, Alleluia

Thy providence our path has led,
By Thy good grace our souls are fed.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia

On thy strong arm Thy people lean,
Grant vision clear and purpose keen,
Alleluia, Alleluia

Our lives to Thee we dedicate,
Thy truths to keep inviolate
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia

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INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Based on a ceremony written
by Lillian A. Goforth

The following installation service can be used by the National Federation of Music Clubs, State Federations, and Music Clubs. This ceremony adds dignity to the installation of officers and highlights the great purpose of the Federation. It is desirable to include a national or state representative as the installing officer.

THE CEREMONY

Installing Officer: Before we install the new officers, will the retiring officers please rise. (*Identify by name and office.*) On behalf of the members of this organization, we express our appreciation to you who have served this organization so well. Your leadership has been self-sacrificing and represents the high ideals of our Federation. I speak for every member of this Federation (or club) in saying that we are grateful for your devotion and service. Thank you. (*As these are seated, ask incoming officers to come forward.*)

(*Ask the audience to stand.*) An organization serves more effectively when members and officers work together to accomplish definite goals; therefore let us embrace the objectives of the National Federation of Music Clubs, of which this state (club) is an important part. The Federation promotes American composers and artists, upholds high musical standards, strives to make quality music a vital part of the educational, social and religious life of our country, and encourages young musicians to pursue musical careers.

In addition, the Federation believes music is a universal language and can create understanding between nations, laying a foundation for universal peace.

Members of (insert name of state or club), Will you pledge to these new officers your loyal and active assistance in the fulfillment of these ideals of the Federation? If so, please answer “We do”. (*Ask audience to be seated.*)

(*The installing officer will then call the name of each officer, giving the title of the office. When all have been named, continue:*)

In accepting this trust, you will find it to be both a privilege and a challenge. We have outlined the purpose of the Federation, and *your* purpose is to provide leadership and service. Do you as officers, accept this challenge and pledge yourselves to work toward the realization of these goals? If so, please raise your right hand and repeat after me....

I pledge my loyalty to (insert name of state or club) *Wait for the phrase to be repeated*

I will strive to accomplish its goals and objectives.....

I will work for its best interests

I will support and work with my colleagues

And I will perform the duties of my office

to the best of my ability.....

(*If there is time, it is effective to include the Collect. Ask the audience to stand.*)

COLLECT

We praise and thank Thee, Father,
for the gift of music.

Through us, as channels of Thy grace,
may this blessed legacy
be shared with all mankind.

Grant that we may exemplify in our own
lives the harmony of Thy great purpose
for us

Give us magnitude of soul and such
understanding hearts that we who make
music may be as players upon rightly
tuned instruments,
responding to Thy leading.

Let us with renewed consecration
dedicate ourselves to the purpose of our
Federation, to bring the spiritualizing force
of music to the inner life of our nation.

Open our minds that divine knowledge
and wisdom may teach us how best to
execute our pledge.

by Mrs. Thomas J. Cole,
adapted by Gertrude Seiberling

(*After the new officers pledge their support,
state the following:*)

By the authority vested in me as (name of office) of (name of Federation or club), I now declare you the duly elected and installed officers of (name of state or club). May the opportunities your office affords bring each of you joy and satisfaction. Congratulations to all of you.