

HI-Y NEW MEMBER INDUCTION & OFFICER INSTALLATION CEREMONIES

The Chaplain and the Purpose Committee are responsible for these services. They are assisted by the Membership Committee, the officers, and others as needed.

Preparation

Hold these ceremonies in a unique place that reflects their importance. Churches, outdoor areas, parks, and gardens are some examples. Find a beautiful place in your community to use.

Place a table in the front. If needed, cover with a cloth. Have a lighted candle and a HI-Y emblem on the table.

All members and candidates must know the HI-Y Purpose.

In advance, invite parents, school principal and superintendent, alumni, and others you want to know about your HI-Y.

Seat members to be inducted into membership in the front section with current members seated behind them.

Officers, Advisors, and others who have a part in program may be seated in the front.

Have a printed program including any songs everyone will sing distributed as people arrive.

After the ceremonies you may want to have refreshments or a meal.

These ceremonies, properly done, can contribute to the importance your new officers, members, and current members give to their responsibilities.

The setting, program, content, and delivery are all important to a successful ceremony.

Officer Installation

Advisor's Remarks

HI-Y's Purpose is "Developing Leadership, Fellowship, and Service While Increasing an Awareness of Oneself and the World."

Each member, officer, and advisor is responsible to carry our purpose.

We must all give time, energy, and work to effectively plan and organize all our projects and activities. Each officer must serve faithfully and honestly in every task. The success . . . or failure . . . of our HI-Y is in your hands.

We are now at the most important time in the life of any organization. Officers who have completed a term of leadership are now ready to give their positions to others.

In the work we have done through the leadership of the retiring officers, our HI-Y has benefited. Each of us and our new officers are now better prepared to serve and to do even more.

We will now proceed with the installation of our new officers.

President to the President-Elect

_____ (name), you have been chosen for the office of President of this HI-Y. The members have placed their trust in you to lead our HI-Y in fulfilling its Purpose. The success of our HI-Y depends, to a large extent, upon your interest, devotion, work, and leadership.

In token of the trust and hope invested in you, I present you the President's gavel and this candle as a symbol of your leadership.

Vice President to Vice President-Elect

_____ (name), you have been chosen to be Vice President of this HI-Y. You are responsible for our program. You must work to present programs of interest to our members. You are also to assist the President and to preside in the President's absence. Do your best to encourage and involve everyone in the activities of our HI-Y.

I give you the program records of this HI-Y, trusting that under your leadership our program will be expanded and strengthened. I hand you this lighted candle to symbolize your responsibilities.

Chaplain to Chaplain-Elect

_____ (name), you have been chosen to serve as our Chaplain. You have the opportunity and responsibility to keep the purpose of HI-Y before our members through presentations, "visions," programs, and projects. Give time, thought, and concern as you plan to deepen all our understanding of our purpose.

I give you this lighted candle as a symbol of our purpose and your work to help us better fulfill HI-Y's purpose.

Secretary to Secretary-Elect

_____ (name), you have been chosen to serve this HI-Y as Secretary. It is your duty to keep accurate records of meetings and activities, submit reports to the HI-Y Leadership Center, and answer correspondence. You are also responsible for the membership and membership drive of our HI-Y. Be regular in attendance, accurate in your records, and worthy of the position you hold.

I give you the secretarial records, literature of this HI-Y, membership records, and this candle as a symbol of your leadership.

Treasurer to Treasurer-Elect

_____ (name), you have been chosen for the responsible office of Treasurer in this HI-Y. You must prepare a financial plan and budget for the year, receive membership fees and all other funds, keep accurate records of all receipts and expenditures, guard faithfully all HI-Y funds, and present a monthly statement of finances at HI-Y meetings. It is your duty to see that sufficient funds are available before expenditures are made.

In token of the trust given you, I give you the treasurer's records. I also give you this lighted candle as a symbol of our trust in your leadership.

Historian to Historian-Elect

_____ (name), you have been chosen to be our HI-Y's historian. You are to keep copies of all materials, news clippings, programs, and photographs. You also create our scrapbook as a permanent record of our year.

This lighted candle is given as a symbol of your leadership.

Sergeant at Arms to Sergeant at Arms-Elect

_____ (name), you have been chosen to serve as Sergeant at Arms. Your responsibility is to help assure successful meetings by making sure all meeting room arrangements are made, assist other officers with meeting arrangements, and help with the conduct of the meeting.

This lighted candle is given as a symbol of your leadership.

Committee Chairpersons to Committee Chairpersons-Elect

HI-Y Missions - _____ (name), you will educate our members on the purpose of HI-Y missions, cause our HI-Y to pledge our support, and lead our efforts to meet our pledge.

Honor Recognition - _____ (name), you provide leadership that assures our HI-Y achieves Honor Recognition.

Advisor

As the new officers of _____ (name) HI-Y, do you pledge your individual and collective loyalty to serve in your office, and will you carry out our purpose to "Involve Members in Developing Leadership, Fellowship, and Service While Increasing An Awareness of Oneself and the World?" If so, say, "I do."

New Officers

“I do.”

Advisor

A successful HI-Y requires the loyalty, cooperation, and work of each member. I now ask each member, "Will you work to make this HI-Y successful for yourself, all our members, our school, and our community?" If so, answer, "I will."

Members

“I will.”

Advisor

The _____ HI-Y will work to make a difference for good in the lives of others, our school, and our community.

Please affirm our Purpose with me.

All

"To Develop Leadership, Character, Fellowship, and Service While Increasing An Awareness of Oneself and the World."

Induction of New Members

Chaplain

You are being inducted into an outstanding student organization. Our _____ HI-Y is part of the National HI-Y Leadership Center, a program of the Ohio-West Virginia YMCA.

Our Purpose is to "Involve Members in Developing Leadership, Fellowship, and Service While Increasing an Awareness of Oneself and the World."

HI-Y was started by a group of teenagers and their teacher in 1889. HI-Y, a program of the YMCA, is the high school YMCA in our community.

President

Leadership is encouraging, guiding, and enabling others to learn and do for themselves.

Vice President

Fellowship - Friends are patient and kind, they are not jealous or boastful, and they are not arrogant or rude. Friends do not insist on their own way, they are not irritable or resentful, they do not rejoice at wrong, but delight in what is right. Friendship bears all things, believes all things, and endures all things. Friendship never ends.

Secretary

Service - In HI-Y we work to help others, to make a difference for good.

Treasurer

Awareness of Oneself and the World helps us better learn who we are and where we are going with our lives. We can strengthen our values as we help in building a better world.

Introduction of Guest Speaker by President

Speaker

Presentation of New Members - Treasurer

Will the new members please stand (or come forward). Please affirm our HI-Y Purpose.

Candidates for Membership

"To Involve Members in Developing Leadership, Fellowship, and Service While Increasing an Awareness of Oneself and the World."

Treasurer

If you support this Purpose, answer, "I will."

Candidates

"I will."

The Treasurer presents the candidates for membership to the HI-Y and the President.

President

I declare you active members of the _____ HI-Y. You have agreed to help us achieve HI-Y's purpose.

On behalf of the _____ HI-Y I welcome you into our organization. As members you are entitled and encouraged to participate in all our activities and you are required to regularly attend our meetings.

You are entitled to vote and to hold office. We need you to help our HI-Y succeed.

Presentation of HI-Y Pins

The new members receive their HI-Y pin from their parents, officers, the advisor, or current members. When pins are presented, the new members then return to their seats.

Rededication of Current Members - Secretary

The secretary asks the current members to stand (or come forward) and asks them to rededicate themselves to the HI-Y purpose.

The secretary asks, "Do you rededicate yourself to the HI-Y purpose and will you work to help our HI-Y succeed this year?" If so, say, "I will."

Members

"I will."

Advisor

New and current members - you are all aware of the needs around us. There is much that needs done to help people, to improve our community, and to help our nation. Each of us and our HI-Y has a duty to serve, to help make a difference for good. Let each of us and our HI-Y respond to the challenge!