

Ceremony of the Lilies

Reason for change

This new ceremony originated in Brazil and we have updated to be more inclusive of diverse family structures and remove the “perfection” language. The purpose is to present new members and their families after the Membership Ceremony.

Proposed Changes

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To be performed after the Membership Ceremony, either during an open meeting or during the Good of the Bethel portion of a regular Bethel meeting.

Preparation: *You will need Lily of the Valley or other flowers to present to each new member at the end of this ceremony.*

HONORED QUEEN: Parents, guardians and families, your daughters entered here as our friends, and at this moment they are already members of Job’s Daughters International, our new sisters. This is a celebration of unity and welcoming.

SENIOR PRINCESS: Each person around us has a unique and valuable light. More than searching for an idealized image, we invite all of you to see and appreciate the genuine qualities that already exist in each family member. When parents and children see each other in their true essence, cultivating mutual respect and admiration for one another's qualities, the bonds that unite them are strengthened.

JUNIOR PRINCESS: Daughters who are joining us today: Always remember that the beauty of a journey manifests itself in how we connect with the world. May you cultivate kindness towards others, develop resilience to face challenges, practice gratitude, and discover, in each person and situation, reasons to grow and contribute.

GUIDE: Remember also that every impatient word can wound a heart. Every act of indifference can push away those we love and every hasty judgment limits us.

MARSHAL: However, in every gesture of acceptance, we make someone stronger. In every act of empathy, we celebrate life. In every smile we share, we plant a seed of hope. People of faith and patience, like Job, know how to find strength to honor the human condition and marvel at the beauty of the connections we build.

LIBRARIAN: Never forget that the support and affection built throughout life are like foundations. May you recognize and value the care you received from all the role

models who helped you get to where you are today, whether they were parents, guardians, grandparents, uncles, aunts, or Bethel sisters each with their own unique way of loving.

RECORDER: Let us acknowledge those who, with dedication, carried responsibilities, offered time and dreams so that new paths could be taken. Each gesture of support and each silent sacrifice were seeds for your growth.

MUSICIAN: Reflect on all this and realize how much you are loved. For you, many worked, dedicated themselves, and faced challenges. Honor these bonds and, more than that, cultivate love through respect, presence, and gratitude. Love is strengthened when practiced daily, in building a path of integrity and caring for those around us.

TREASURER: The coherence between who we are and what we do reflects our character. May you continue with honesty, kindness, and authenticity, spreading around you the example of sincere feelings and good intentions. May simplicity and integrity, represented by the simple beauty of the lilies of the valley, be a commitment you make to yourselves and your community from this day forward.

CHAPLAIN: You have made a commitment to yourselves and to the ideals that unite us. We hope that this new journey that begins will be special, meaningful, and full of shared learning.

HONORED QUEEN: We now invite each of you to introduce your parents, guardians, or family members who are present here. Give them a lily of the valley (or another appropriate flower) as a symbol of the journey you are beginning together and the commitment to cultivate, from this day forward, a relationship of respect, admiration, and mutual growth.

Each new Daughter receives a lily of the valley (or another appropriate flower), proceeds to the East, and invites her family present to come forward and introduce them.

HONORED QUEEN: To the new members, their families, and friends, with time you will see the Bethel is all that we have spoken of: kindness, respect, mutual admiration and unity. Welcome. (applause) This concludes our ceremony. (*)

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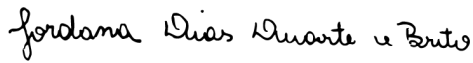
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