

Clothesline of Memories

Reason for change

This new ceremony originated in Brazil and is a presentation for prospects at an open meeting, closing of the term (outstallation), or at a friendship meeting. It uses photos from the Bethel and reflections for the daughters to symbolize the love, unity, and lessons of sisterhood, culminating in a visual display of meaningful memories that represent the bonds within the Bethel.

Proposed Changes

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Guidance: A small clothesline and several photos of the Daughters sharing meaningful moments together are needed. Photos may be provided by the Daughters or by the Bethel Guardian Council. The clothesline should be placed in the East, or in a location appropriate to your Bethel room. Each Daughter will hold a photo at her station. After delivering her part, she will proceed to the clothesline and hang her photo. By the conclusion of the ceremony, the displayed photos will form a collection of shared memories from your Bethel.

HONORED QUEEN: Dear sisters, Job's Daughters family and guests, today is a day of celebration and gratitude in our Bethel. In this spirit of unity, I would like to bring a reflection about love, inspired by great authors and ideas.

CHOIR: True love is the kind that uplifts us, that is kind, patient, and sincere. It does not seek its own interests but gives itself freely; it is humble and grand at the same time. As Camões says, "it is to be bound by one's own will, to serve the one who conquers, the conqueror." This love is human and real, and that is precisely what makes it so beautiful and unique.

HONORED QUEEN: Today, we celebrate such love: sincere, altruistic, and strong—our fraternal love. A love that is reflected in every bond we build within this organization, in the lessons we learn together, and in the joy of sharing such special moments. Thus, we would like to convey this love through the lessons present in our memories.

OUTER GUARD: In this memory that I hold, I guard myself against words that wound and those that try to sow doubt in my heart. I give them no space, for my sisters are my shield, standing beside me, protecting me from the shadows and strengthening the light within me.

INNER GUARD: In this memory that I hold, I recall the importance of caring for my inner self. Preserving our essence is vital, but above all, I have learned to admire and love the unique essence of each of my sisters.

JUNIOR CUSTODIAN: In this memory that I hold, I learned to extend my hand to those in need, following the example of my sisters. With them, I discovered that true value lies in actions that come from the heart.

SENIOR CUSTODIAN: In this memory that I hold, I cultivate humility alongside my sisters, for we have learned that pride can be the ruin of a flower in all its beauty.

FIRST MESSENGER: In this memory that I hold, I learned that prosperity may manifest in many ways in our lives, and it is up to us to decide how to receive this blessing. For me, my sisters are the most beautiful expression of this gift, and I have chosen to love them with all my heart.

SECOND MESSENGER: In this memory that I hold, I learned that even in the most challenging difficulties, God has blessed me with loyal sisters. With them by my side, no obstacle is insurmountable.

THIRD MESSENGER: In this memory that I hold, I remember how, in the midst of trials, I came to question God's plans. But then my sisters reminded me that my faith must always be greater than my doubts.

FOURTH MESSENGER: In this memory that I hold, I remember when I achieved triumph even when everything seemed lost. It was then that I realized my joy was not only mine, but also my sisters', who celebrated beside me with full hearts.

FIFTH MESSENGER: In this memory that I hold, I lived alongside my sisters a triumph that resembles roses blooming after a harsh winter, bringing color and life where there was once only cold. Together, we learned to trust in the light of renewal and the beauty that arises after adversity.

LIBRARIAN: In this memory that I hold, I sought knowledge in every expression of life: in art, culture, popular wisdom, and science. But I also found wisdom in my sisters, for a truly rich life is not limited to teaching—it is, above all, learning.

MUSICIAN: In this memory that I hold, I realized that life is like a melody woven by gestures and words. And among all the harmonies I have ever heard, the most beautiful was the one I composed alongside my sisters.

RECORDER: In this memory that I hold, I recorded every action and word of mine and my sisters in the great record of life. Together, we learned the power of words, which once spoken, never return.

TREASURER: In this memory that I hold, I learned to protect my greatest treasures with great care. My sisters are among the most precious, and for that reason I will never cease to be devoted and loyal to them.

CHAPLAIN: In this memory that I hold, I remember that God sent His Son to guide mankind to the light amid the darkness of the world. Just as He showed us the path, I believe He also sent me my sisters so that together we may walk in the light of His word, in unity and faith, as we have been taught.

MARSHAL: In this memory that I hold, I learned not only to love my national identity, but also to be responsible for caring for our home. I realized that I am not alone in this mission, for my sisters love it just as much as I do, united in care and harmony, as if the very essence of our organization lived within each of us.

GUIDE: In this memory that I hold, I learned that with every step taken with the purest intentions, we come closer to the path of peace and happiness. On this journey, I learned to guide my sisters and, at the same time, to be guided by them, intertwining our steps in the dance of wisdom and love.

JUNIOR PRINCESS: In this memory that I hold, I carry in my heart the strength of our sisterhood. Although we are equal in essence, our individualities make everything even more beautiful, like a tapestry of unique colors and shapes. Beside my sisters, I learned that beauty lies in our diversity.

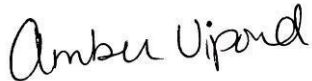
SENIOR PRINCESS: In this memory that I hold, I carry our home that welcomes us with the purest love, and our organization asks only that we love it through the bonds that unite us. Beside my sisters, I learned to be gentle and kind, but also to fight courageously for what I desire, knowing that I will never be alone on this path.

HONORED QUEEN: In this memory that I hold, I return to the phrase, “to serve the conqueror,” and I realize that serving what we love with humility is one of the greatest expressions of true love. Choosing to devote oneself to an organization that, in return, gifts us with sisters that life itself could not give us is an act of surrender and trust. In a world where material things are fleeting, stories and feelings endure. True love is the kind that uplifts us, that is kind, patient, and sincere. Therefore, true love is manifested in sincere giving, without self-interest, and in the humility to serve. It is beautiful in the contradictions that make it unique, strong in its generosity, and noble in the simplicity of giving oneself to others. It is this combination that makes it so special and transformative. I invite the visiting Daughters who feel comfortable to please stand. I would like to show, through these photos, a small glimpse of who we are. This is a small representation of the love that unites us, a demonstration of our sisterhood, our essence, and the bond we share.

HONORED QUEEN: This completes our ceremony. (*)

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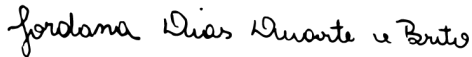
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