

Appendix 1

Act of Enrolment

This is intended as a suggestion. Chaplains may include wording they feel is appropriate.

CHAPLAIN: The great commission given by the Lord Jesus Christ to the church was to go into all the world making disciples of all people. The Girls' Brigade endeavours to carry out this work among girls and young women, challenging them in their Christian faith and helping them to grow in Christ.

We are delighted to have members of the <<name of company>> with us in church today for their annual service of enrolment and dedication. We have girls of all ages and leaders who together make up this company.

(Ask leaders to stand or come to the front)

Volunteering as a GB Officer is not just about keeping the company running, it's about service, obedience, putting faith into action and growing as a Christian. The leaders standing before us today are using their gifts and talents as they try to share God's love with our young women and encourage them to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ themselves.

<<captain's name >>, as Captain of this company we know that you will devote many hours to this ministry with all its rewards and challenges. As a church we affirm you in this work and appreciate all you do for our young people and in leading your team of Officers and helpers.

<<captain's name >> realising the responsibility of the duties involved as Captain, do you promise by word and example to serve God in The Girls' Brigade for the extension of His Kingdom and for the promotion of the GB aim?

CAPTAIN: With God's help, I do.

CHAPLAIN: I now enrol you as Captain of this company and, on behalf of this church, promise to support you practically and with our prayers so that the aim of The Girls' Brigade may be achieved, to the glory of God.

(Shake hands with Captain. Now address Officers.)

CHAPLAIN: Your support and help to the Captain is crucial as you work together as a team. You have the great privilege and responsibility of presenting the truths and promises of Jesus Christ to the girls.

The task is challenging but God will help you to lead girls to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ.

<<names of officers >> realising the responsibility of leadership, do you promise to support your Captain, and by word and example to serve God in The Girls' Brigade for the extension of His Kingdom and the promotion of the GB Aim?

OFFICERS: With God's help, I do.

CHAPLAIN: I now enrol you as Officers of this company and may God grant you grace to be faithful and fruitful as you serve Him in Girls' Brigade.

(Shake hands with Officers who then return to their seats. Sub-Officers come forward).

CHAPLAIN: <<names of Sub-Officers >> you have been given this position of responsibility. Do you promise to support your Captain and Officers and to set a good example to the girls as you work with them in the company, striving at all times to be faithful to Jesus Christ and the aim of The Girls' Brigade?

SUB-OFFICERS: With God's help, I do.

CHAPLAIN: I now enrol you as Sub-Officers of this company.

(Shake hands with Sub-Officers who then return to their seats. Ask girls to stand.)

Note to Chaplain: If there are Associates (ie. untrained leaders) in your company you could include something appropriate for them here.

CHAPLAIN: Girls, do you promise, with God's help, to be loyal to your company; to be honest, kind and helpful to each other?

COMPANY: I do.

CHAPLAIN: I now enrol you as members of the Girls' Brigade. We hope you will have great fun at GB this year and pray that God will help you in everything you do.

The Captain and Officers (and Associates) of our GB company are all appointed by the church. As a congregation we have the responsibility to support them and the girls they work with by our prayers, encouragement and practical help. To indicate your acceptance of this commitment please stand.

Prayer of Dedication.