

Recommitment Ceremony

Instructions: A recommitment ceremony may be used at a special occasion when it is appropriate for the membership to reflect upon its commitment to the Society.

Option: Preceding the ceremony, presider reads the names and dates of induction of members present, beginning with member(s) with the earliest date of induction. As a name is called, the member comes forward until all are standing in a circle around a table on which are a rose, a book and a candle. The ceremony is read. Then the first inductee lights her candle from the large candle on the table and “passes the light” around the circle in the order of induction. When the final candle is lit, the group sings “The Delta Kappa Gamma Song.”

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A Recommitment to Delta Kappa Gamma

Option: This ceremony may be used as written or combined with "Recommitment."

Leader: I am proud of my membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, and am proud to rededicate myself to the Purposes of the Society.

Response: I am committed to this goal.

Leader: I believe our Society can assume ever greater leadership in the improvement of education and in the advancement of women educators.

Response: I am committed to this goal.

Leader: I believe that through expanding membership, and service, we can contribute greatly to *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*.

Response: I am committed to this goal.

Leader: I believe that our members contribute significantly to the quality of life of those we touch through the programs, projects, and policies of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Response: I am dedicated and committed to this goal!

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President: Members of _____ *(Name)* Chapter, upon induction into The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International, you were recognized for your service to education and your dedication to the high ideals of *Leading Women Educators Impacting Education Worldwide*.

As members of the Society we are committed to give active support to the Seven Purposes upon which Dr. Annie Webb Blanton founded the organization in 1929. As the Purposes are read, reflect upon the meaning they have for each of us, personally and professionally:

To unite women educators of the world in a genuine spiritual fellowship

To honor women who have given or who evidence a potential for distinctive service in any field of education

To advance the professional interest and position of women in education

To initiate, endorse and support desirable legislation or other suitable endeavors in the interests of education and of women educators

To endow awards to aid members in pursuing personal and professional growth and to provide grants to non-member educators

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To **stimulate** the personal and professional growth of members and to encourage their participation in relevant programs of action; and

To **inform** the members of current economic, social, political, and educational issues so that they may participate effectively to support a sustainable world society

These Purposes, reflected in the tradition of the Society, are symbolized by

- Roses and the color gold that signify beauty of spirit and dedication to excellence;
- The wreath of laurel leaves that represents achievement;
- The color crimson that stands for courage to achieve success and attain leadership in our profession;
- The cup that represents knowledge;
- The lamp and open book that represent wisdom and scholarship;
- The golden ellipse that represents the work of each member for the good of all.

In recalling our dedication to the ideals of our Society, let us renew our commitment to Society Purposes. Let us rededicate ourselves to our mission to “promote the professional and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.” Let us more actively support the programs, projects and policies and do our best to fulfill our responsibilities of membership in The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International.

Recommitment Pledge

Leader: Please repeat after me:

We, the members of _____ *(Name)* _____ Chapter,

offer our cooperation, encouragement, and friendship to you,

and we promise to help you in carrying out the purposes and programs of work of the Society.

Option: Use this pledge in combination with an induction or installation ceremony.