

INFORMATION SHEET FOR GREETERS & OBLATIONERS

Greeters: As Greeters you welcome all who come to worship as they enter the church.

1. **Arrive at 10:00am**, pick up the bulletins from the table by the organ and take your place at the entrance door: on the porch, weather-permitting; immediately inside the door, if not.

2. **Introduce** yourselves to visitors. Ask if they have any questions - where to sit, who can receive communion, etc. **Invite** them to sign the guest book and come to hospitality after the service. If they come, introduce them to a few of the members. **Identify** people who might need communion brought to them and ask them if do. Inform the Priest or the Eucharistic minister when you bring the gifts of the people forward.

When the service begins you assume the duties of Oblationers.

Oblationers: As Oblationers you bring the gifts of the people to the altar – the bread and wine and the alms.

1. When the Offertory sentences have been spoken and the Offertory hymn begins, **go up the aisle** to receive the alms basins from the acolyte or the Eucharistic minister. Move down the aisle, one on each side, stopping at each occupied pew to receive the offerings.

2. **Meet** at the oblations table. One of you will carry the alms basins, the other will carry the wine cruet and bread box. The oblationer carrying the wine cruet should pick it up and hold it with the **handle pointed forward**.

3. **When** the organist begins to play the Doxology walk back up the aisle. If an acolyte *and* a Eucharistic minister are serving, the Eucharistic minister will receive the alms basins; the acolyte will receive the wine cruet and bread box. If there is *no* acolyte, the Eucharistic minister should receive the *wine cruet and bread box first* and will place them on the altar. When the Eucharistic minister back to you, give the alms basins.

4. When both have been given, move the center kneeling cushion into place if it hasn't been done already, reverence the altar, and return to your seats.

5. When the Communion of the people begins, take up a position just below the chancel step, one on each side. Be ready to help anyone who might find it difficult to step up or down. When the last of the congregation goes to the communion rail join them to receive communion yourself.

DEFINITIONS:

OBLATIONS TABLE. The small wood table in the aisle.

BREAD BOX. A small, round silver box with a small standing cross on the lid.

WINE CRUET. A silver cruet with small standing cross on the lid; omega sign in the handle.

RECEIVING BASIN. The large, brass basin that holds the two small basins.

ALMS BASINS. The two small basins used to collect the offerings. These may be wood.

THANK YOU FOR SERVING IN THIS MINISTRY