

**LEADER: Let Us Pray. (THE PRAYER)**

We lift our eyes and hearts in gratitude for the numerous blessings afforded to us. Grant us with divine wisdom to serve. Favor all of our sister chapters with a love-filled heart, beauty of soul, intelligence of mind and energy of body that our efforts for good will have far reaching results into the future lives of those we are dedicated to serve. We beseech you to let all that we do be done honorably, with humility and dignity and be pleasing in Your sight.

Grant us sufficient love, faith, strength, and courage to be equal to whatever we may encounter as we extend our hands and hearts to others. **AMEN.**

**(CANDLES EXTINGUISHED)**

*(Continental will form a circle to sing a song after all candles are extinguished)*

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**Continental Song**

**All Continentals:**

Continental women, we shall always be  
Charity the forward you can plainly see  
We keep forever watchful  
With an eye so keen  
We strive to aid the needy  
As a charity team.

Continental women, we shall always be  
Respect for one another and humanity  
High ideals we stand for as we go along  
Enriched with charitable gestures  
And a heavenly song.

With outstretched hands we seek these  
In our land so dear  
Desiring, understanding and a word of cheer,  
We love you Continental  
For your love and care  
May God be with us always,  
Teaching us to share.

**LITANY OF REDEDICATION**

**PROCEDURE (ALL STANDING)**

*Officers will take their places facing the group, and the presidents will light the candles in candelabras. Each officer, beginning with the President, will light their candles from the candelabra. When officers' candles are lighted, all officers (except the President) will precede into the audience and light from their candles the candle of each Continental on the aisle. A chain of lights will begin from the one on the aisle until all candles in the room are lighted. When all candles are lighted, lights in the room are dimmed (if possible), and the officers will again take their place behind the table.*

**PROLOGUE**

**LEADER:** At Conclave, June 1972, in Newport News, Virginia, the Continental Societies became a Corporation, thereby legally banding together all Chapters with like ideas and goals, stemming from an idea born in 1956. It was an auspicious occasion which marked the dawn of a new day for all Continentals who were anxious to be in step with the times and who realized the strength of **UNITY**.

At the end of that memorial weekend, all Continental returned to their various localities throughout the nation and Bermuda with added determination to uphold the principles for which we stand; and to spread the word that the Societies had cleared another hurdle and passed another milestone in the fight for the welfare of children and youth. It is appropriate and fitting that today, \_\_\_\_\_ years later, and henceforth, we pause to commemorate **INCORPORATION** and remembering, rededicate and revitalize ourselves for continued service. We need to be continually reminded of the new challenges and the new hurdles that await us.

## *CEREMONY*

**LEADER:** You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

**GROUP:** Neither do we light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

**LEADER:** Let your light so shine before all that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

**GROUP:** We will let our lights so shine.

**LEADER:** They brought young children to Christ that he should touch them.

**GROUP:** And His Disciples rebuked those who brought them.

**LEADER:** But when Jesus saw it, He was much displeased, and said unto them,

**GROUP:** Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, whosoever shall not receive the Kingdom of God as a little child, shall not enter therein.

**LEADER:** And He took them into His arms, put His hands upon them, and blessed them.

**GROUP:** Today's Child is tomorrow's Adult.

**LEADER:** For help to the poor, the relief of the needy, the instruction of the ignorant.

**GROUP:** We repledge ourselves.

**LEADER:** For consolation of the troubled; for peace of the distressed, hope for the discouraged; and for the promotion of our great Sisterhood.

**GROUP:** We repledge ourselves.

**LEADER:** We, the members of the Continental Societies, shall endeavor to foster, promote and develop the welfare of disadvantaged and underprivileged children; to improve their recreational facilities; to advance their educational opportunities; and to sponsor a climate of security and well-being in their environment.

**GROUP:** We rededicate ourselves to this *PREAMBLE*.

**UNISON:** It is my sincere desire to do all within my power as a member of the Continental Societies – to observe and execute the objectives and purposed of the objectives and purposes of the organization. I do solemnly pledge my wholehearted support to the programs of the group and will, to the best of my ability, serve my Chapter. I shall earnestly endeavor at all times to make worthy of membership in the Continental Societies.

**LEADER:** May we take hold of the great opportunity to influence the children and youth of the future, for we are collectively and individually capable to provide leadership at a time when direction is not only needed, but sought. We must grasp the chance to shape new programs and develop new approaches for the problem of improving the lives of the deprived.

**GROUP:** We shall let our *LIGHTS SO SHINE*.

Continental Societies, Inc.

MPAC CHAPTER



*Litany of  
Rededication*