telling our story  
songs of commitment and affirmation

AIM

Here are some songs of personal commitment and affirmation. It is mentioned on page 39 of the booklet ‘Exploring Evangelism’.

INTRODUCTION

Do you ever find a tune going round and round in your head which you can’t dislodge? A phrase from the bible or a hymn can have the same effect, and can help to nourish us at different stages of faith, or through different life challenges. Repeating a verse or chorus can also help us devise our own memorised patterns of prayer. You might like to make your own list, but here are some examples to get you started.

Examples

1. All I once held dear
2. As the deer longs for the waters
3. Dear Master, in whose life I see
4. Father I place into your hands
5. Give to me Lord a thankful heart
6. I have decided to follow Jesus
7. I heard the voice of Jesus say
8. I the Lord of sea and sky
9. I waited, I waited for the Lord
10. Jesus, I come trusting your kindness
11. May the mind of Christ my Saviour
12. Mothering God, you gave me birth
13. My Jesus, my Saviour
14. O God, you are my God alone
15. O Lord, hear my prayer
16. Take my gifts and let me love you
17. Take, O take me as I am
18. Take this moment, time and space
19. Were I the perfect child (Believers Baptism)
20. When I survey
21. You are before me Lord

Key:
R&S – Rejoice and Sing; CH4 – Church Hymnary 4; MP – Combined Mission Praise;
CG – Common Ground; AA – Alleluia Aotearoa; IW – Iona Worship Book;
WG1 – Wild Goose Volume 1

Maybe you’d like to learn one of these you don’t already know to use in a service of commitment and affirmation.
Prayer (from page 47 of the booklet)

No farmer stops sowing seed in case some is wasted

Lord, give us your generosity.

One sows, another waters but God causes the growth

Lord, help us to work together and trust in you.

Proclaim the word in season and out of season

Lord, make us lifelong sowers of your good news.

EVALUATION

Please try to answer these questions for yourself and for others who will use this material:

1. What was the most helpful thing?
2. What was the least helpful thing?
3. What would you like to try now?

THE NEXT STEP

There are more materials for sharing your own story on the website

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