Slide #1

The Delta Kappa Gamma Collect, Pledge, and Song articulate the obligations and duties we have promised to fulfill. Members should understand the quality of the respected professionals with whom we associate and the driving force behind the service and the tremendous advantage of opportunities available to our members. It is this knowledge that motivates, invigorates, and inspires the key women educators of Delta Kappa Gamma. [65 words]

Slide #2

Since a collect is a prayer for members to fulfill the ideals of the organization, meet our obligations, and remain unified always, focus on the words of the DKG Collect:

Give us, O Lord, a realization of what our organization stands for. With its high ideals always before us, may our faith and courage never weaken. Grant that we may be steadfast in our purposes as we endeavor to meet the responsibilities and obligations set before us. Help us to be truly loyal, one to another, and may we strive to become worthy members of our profession. As we pledge anew our services to our noble cause, may unity and cooperation continue unbroken to the end. It is important to note that our members yearn for the loyalty, unity, and cooperation that propel accomplishments, achievements, and successes. [137 words]

Slide #3

The Delta Kappa Gamma Pledge is a statement which codifies the promises members make to the organization and their fellow teachers. The Pledge reads as follows:

I do solemnly promise that as a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, I will be loyal to the policies and programs of work officially adopted by the Society, and I will do my utmost to discharge my part of the responsibility undertaken by Delta Kappa Gamma.

While we are not required to repeat the Pledge at every meeting, conference, or convention, it is worth noting to our members that this sentiment is the foundation of membership. [102 words]

Slide #4

The “Delta Kappa Gamma Song”was written by Dr. Annie Webb Blanton and Dr. Cora Martin, two of the original 12 women who founded the Society on May 11, 1929 in Austin, Texas. Sung to a Welsh military march may seem ironic; however, these women were actually revolutionizing women’s roles in education, so it actually makes sense. The tune was later modified by Lillian Mohr Fox who was a noted music educator and composer. Since learning the lyrics can be tricky, past Tennessee State Organization President Dee Dee Rives of Theta Chapter provided simple illustrations to help her chapter members learn the song, and they have been added here. The “Delta Kappa Gamma Song” has played in the background throughout this video. [122 words]

Slide #5

The song has become an anthem for the Society and is sung with great reverence at conventions and other meetings to underscore the friendship and loyalty to one another. The “Delta Kappa Gamma Song” is played on the carillon at the top of All Saints’ Chapel on the campus of the University of the South at the end of our Ceremony of Remembrance during our state convention. This beautiful melody is also played on the carillon in the Bell Tower at the University of Texas in Austin during the summer leadership program called DKG: Ignite: Leaders Empowering Leaders. [98 words]

Slide #6

We now know about our Collect, Pledge, and the “Delta Kappa Gamma Song” which articulate the ideals of loyalty, unity, and cooperation in our Society. Complete the five-question activity for module seven: “Collect, Pledge, and Song” and submit to DKG.member.edu@gmail.com for credit. [42 words]