

# **DOCUMENTS**

**for the calling of a**

## **DEACON**

**(DIRECTOR OF PARISH SERVICES)**



LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA

**DIPLOMA of VOCATION**

**FOR A DEACON**  
(Director of Parish Services)

IN THE NAME OF GOD THE FATHER, THE SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN.

To \_\_\_\_\_

of \_\_\_\_\_

Dear friend in Christ,

Having called on the Lord, our God, for guidance and in the exercise of the authority with which He has vested His church on earth, we, the members of \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, in lawful meeting on \_\_\_\_\_, have elected you as deacon, \_\_\_\_\_, and herewith extend to you this formal notification of your solemn call.

In the name of the Triune God and by His authority we ask you to assume the responsibilities of the office to which we have called you and faithfully to perform all the duties of your office according to the Word of God and the confessional standards of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as drawn from the Sacred Scriptures and contained in the Book of Concord. We ask you to do this according to the needs as specified in the accompanying document or as agreed on when new needs arise. To the end that you may be enabled to do this, we pledge you our wholehearted and continuing cooperation and support in word and deed and in our prayers to God in your behalf.

We pray God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has moved us to extend our call to you, to convince you by His Holy Spirit that it comes from Him, to induce you to accept it, to conduct you safely to your field of labour, and to bless your ministrations to the glory of His holy name, the building of His church, the temporal and eternal welfare of many people, and your own great joy and blessing.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ A.D. \_\_\_\_\_

on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

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**SUPPLEMENT TO THE DIPLOMA OF VOCATION**  
**DEACON**  
(Director of Parish Services)



To \_\_\_\_\_  
Who is herewith called to the position of deacon, \_\_\_\_\_  
of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

In the name of the Triune God and by His authority we hereby authorize and obligate you:

To teach faithfully the Word of God, the Sacred Scriptures, in its truth and purity and as set forth in all the symbolical books of the Evangelical Lutheran Church;

To exemplify the Christian faith and life, to function in an atmosphere of love and order characteristic of the body of Christ at work, and to lead others toward Christian maturity;

To show a due concern for all the phases of ministry, especially to work for the promotion and improvement of all efforts in Christian education;

To exemplify Christian discipleship and witness, to live in Christian unity with the members of the congregation and co-workers, and to seek earnestly the advancement of the kingdom of God at home and abroad.

To enable you to do this, we hereby obligate ourselves:

To receive you as a called servant of Jesus Christ, loving and honouring, aiding and supporting you with our diligent, faithful assistance and prayers;

To review your skills of ministry and the skills of others in light of our needs in order mutually to redefine and rearticulate your responsibilities from time to time;

To make appropriate arrangements for your continuing education as a professional person in the ministry of the Gospel;

To provide for your proper maintenance according to our ability and to review your salary, housing arrangements, and all allowances periodically, beginning with the following arrangements:

The total cash salary for 12 months of service is \_\_\_\_\_

Housing provisions \_\_\_\_\_ Description of housing \_\_\_\_\_

Does the congregation participate in the Synod's Worker Benefit Plans? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Travel expenses paid to new location? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Moving expenses paid to new location? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_

Continuing education allowance Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Amount/yr \_\_\_\_\_

Other provisions \_\_\_\_\_

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

by (1) \_\_\_\_\_ (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (3) \_\_\_\_\_

on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of district president \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

*(District president's signature required for calling of candidate only)*

**DIRECTOR OF PARISH SERVICES**

**INFORMATION ABOUT THE CONGREGATION**

In addition to the information requested on this form, congregations are encouraged to provide other important information on accompanying sheets.

**Name of congregation** \_\_\_\_\_ (synodical district)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (Prov) (PCode)

Year Organized: \_\_\_\_\_ Baptized Members: \_\_\_\_\_ No. of Communicants: \_\_\_\_\_

No. on Pastoral Staff: \_\_\_\_\_ Congregation's Total Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_

At Home Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Mission Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_ District Subsidy \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic and demographic composition of congregation (describe briefly):  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Describe briefly the present status and future potential of congregational needs and activities in the following areas:

Evangelism: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Christian Education: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

Youth Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of church facilities** (Enclose pictures, pictorial directory; identify important features of facility and property that you believe would be important for the candidate to know): \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Community Information:**

Please present information about your community in terms of:

Type of community in which church is located; areas served that differ from church location; relationship of church to community; relationship of school to community; population and growth factors; social, occupational, and economic factors; type and cost of housing and availability; type of public transportation and availability; cultural and educational opportunities; significant future community plans; major industries; other important aspects of your community.



I, \_\_\_\_\_, after prayerful consideration hereby accept this consecration and with the help of Almighty God agree:

To assume willingly the obligations stated above and the responsibilities of this office as specified in this document or as may be resolved and agreed on periodically;

To perform faithfully all duties of this office in accordance with the Word of God and the confessional standards of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as drawn from the Sacred Scriptures and found in the Book of Concord;

To exemplify the Christian life in all that I do and say, working in concert with all others in order that my service in your midst may be a blessing to many people, to our church, and especially to our Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_

by \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_