



Day of Prayer for Vocations to Rostered Ministry

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 17, 2016

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A prayer for those discerning a vocation in the church:

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Other petitions for members of the ELCIC on this day might include :

- For a willingness to pray, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening."
- For courage to risk a career change.
- For faith to live with less in order to study and serve.
- For supportive family and friends.
- For new converts to the faith who, like Saul/Paul, can reach into new cultures and places.
- For generous givers who support our seminaries in training leaders.
- For mentors and teachers who recognize God's gifts in others.
- For ways of training that address our current context, questions and societal needs.
- For a vision of God's mission that compels us to "Go!" to green pastures and dark valleys for Christ's names sake.
- For those in each and every generation who have faithfully served in the church.
- For those discerning a call to a vocation in the church; for those who are excited about this call, for those who are scared and for those who are oblivious, that your people would be open and aware of your leading.

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The ELCIC has two types of rostered ministers: Ordained Ministers are called to a public ministry of "Word and Sacrament," with a strong emphasis on preaching, teaching, presiding at Baptism and Communion, and offering spiritual care; Diaconal Ministers are called to a public ministry of "Word and Service," with a strong emphasis on equipping all the baptized for service in all the places where the needs of the world encounter people of faith.



Find out what ELCIC Rostered Leaders are saying about being called to rostered ministry:

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