



# Day of Prayer for Vocations to Rostered Ministry

Fourth Sunday of Easter – April 22, 2018

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(Public Ministry in the ELCIC – A Preliminary Draft, page 21–22)

## **CHALLENGE**

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Find out what others are saying about vocation:

- [www.elcic.ca/leadership/vocationalsunday](http://www.elcic.ca/leadership/vocationalsunday)
- on social media: #vocationalsunday

## **PRAYER**

Holy God, we pray for our church as we continue to engage in renewal: that the Spirit would guide us and enlighten us, and that in living into a renewed vision of the church we may all be strengthened for ministry in and for our church, and in and for our world. We give you thanks for the gift of being called through baptism. Bless the church with faithful pastors and diaconal ministers. Inspire us all to pattern our lives on our Lord Jesus Christ, in gratitude to you and in service to others. Grant us courage, patience, and vision; and strengthen us all in our Christian vocation of witness to the world and of service to others. *Amen.*

## **INVITATION**

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