



# Letter of Call

## *Diaconal Minister*

**Grace, mercy and peace from God.**

Bearing in mind apostolic counsel that all things be done decently and in order, and in accordance with the practice of the Lutheran church to provide qualified persons of good report and in whom the fruits of the Spirit are manifest, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada recognizes diaconal ministry and seeks through this ministry to provide the church with a public ministry of witness to the Gospel and service that enables and equips all the people of God in their ministry. Accordingly,

\_\_\_\_\_ voted to call you  
*Congregation Name*

\_\_\_\_\_ as Minister according to the following terms:  
*Diaconal Minister Name*

That you will serve our Congregation as its minister in a manner consistent with the Act of Incorporation, and the Constitution and By-laws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and that in doing so you...

- (1) Exemplify the life of Christ-like service in a manner informed by the Word of God in a public ministry of witness to the Gospel;
- (2) Demonstrate competence and expertise in your particular discipline, \_\_\_\_\_, making connections between the church and the world, extending the witness of the church into the larger community;
- (3) In cooperation with other leaders, lay and rostered, lead and equip the baptized for ministry, discerning, encouraging and supporting in others their own gifts;
- (4) Give particular attention to ministries at the boundaries between church and world, speaking for the needs of God's world to the church as well as applying God's saving gospel to the needs of the world through the actions of God's people both individually and collectively;
- (5) Be grounded in community with other diaconal ministers committed to a common calling which serves as a reminder and model for building community in all ministry settings;
- (6) Participate, if applicable, in the synodical First Call Program for newly consecrated ministers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

That We...

- (1) Receive you as our diaconal minister and accord you the love, respect, good will, and cooperation due your position, and uphold you in prayer;
  
- (2) Promise our faithful assistance in the work to which you are called;
  
- (3) Participate with you in activities of faith as encouraged by the vision and constitutions of the ELCIC, synods and congregations;
  
- (4) Offer you the attached Employment Agreement;

May the Holy Spirit guide you in the consideration of this Call.

Chair of Congregational Council

Vice Chair of Congregational  
Council or designate

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*(print name)*

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*(print name)*

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*(signature)*

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Certified by the Bishop:

Accepted by the Diaconal Minister:

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