



# Letter of Call to Specialized Ministry *Ordained 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 ordained ministry as a witness to the Gospel and seeks through this ministry to give the spiritual leadership and pastoral care necessary for the establishment, growth, development, and welfare of Christ's holy Church and to equip all people of God in their ministry.

You have advised us that \_\_\_\_\_  
(Congregation name)

has offered to employ you \_\_\_\_\_  
(Ordained minister name)

as \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of position)

and offered to you the attached Terms of Employment/Employment Agreement.

At a meeting of the \_\_\_\_\_ Council held on the  
\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ the Council voted that you be issued a Call to Specialized Ministry according to the terms of the proposed employment.

We pledge you our prayers, love, respect, good will and cooperation in the work of the Lord committed to your care.

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

Chair of \_\_\_\_\_ Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Certified by the Bishop:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)

Accepted by the Ordained Minister:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(print name)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(date)