



Letter of Certification *Interim Deacon*

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.

_____ has invited you
Congregation Name

_____ to serve as Interim Deacon
Ordained Deacon Name

until such time as a regularly called ordained pastor/deacon begins his/her ministry. The congregation has offered to you the attached Employment Agreement.

In my role as Bishop of the Synod I have considered and reviewed the attached employment agreement for an Interim Deacon. By this letter, I confirm my approval to this interim employment.

Please keep in mind that "all interim and supply Deacons shall refrain from exerting influence in the call process of the congregation" as stated in the Model Constitution For Congregations of the ELCIC.

Thank you for your willingness to serve in this capacity. I am truly grateful.

(Bishop name printed)

(signature)

(date)