

## **Congregational template for candidacy for the vocational diaconate**

Candidacy is a time of education and formation in preparation for ordination to the vocational diaconate. The canons call for a letter of continued support for the postulant from the postulant's congregation. This letter is to be dated and signed by at least two thirds of the vestry/bishop's committee, the priest of the congregation, and attested by the clerk.

The following wording would suffice as a minimum statement:

**In accordance with Canon III.6.4.a, we the congregation of \_\_\_\_\_, offer our support for \_\_\_\_\_ as he/she pursues a call to the vocational diaconate. We are also willing to support him/her financially and to actively support him/her in other ways as he/she prepares for ordination.**

**Senior Warden** \_\_\_\_\_

**Junior Warden** \_\_\_\_\_

**Clergy exercising oversight** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vestry/Bishop's committee members:**

**I hereby certify that the forgoing certificate was signed at the vestry/bishop's committee meeting of \_\_\_\_\_ Church duly convened on \_\_\_\_\_ and that the names attached are those of at least a two-thirds majority of all the members of the vestry/bishop's committee.**

**Clerk of the vestry/bishop's committee** \_\_\_\_\_

There are other parts of the candidacy application that are the responsibility of the applicant to provide such as the date of admission to postulancy.