

Congregational template for ordination to the transitional diaconate

The canons call for a letter of continued support for the candidate from the candidate'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.8.6.c, we the congregation of _____, offer our support for _____ as he/she requests ordination to the transitional diaconate.

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 request for ordination that are the responsibility of the applicant to provide such as the date of admission to postulancy and candidacy, academic records, etc.