

**Letter of Support and Commitment  
from the Vestry/Bishop's Committee/Council and  
Member of the Clergy or Leader Exercising Oversight  
for Admission to Postulancy  
for the Vocational Diaconate**

\* Form D5  
Canon III.6.1 (a) (7)

*We, the Member of the Clergy or Leader Exercising Oversight and a minimum of two-thirds of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee/Council, whose names are here underwritten, testify to the best of our belief and personal knowledge that the aspirant named below has been duly discerned by a committee of this congregation; and that the aspirant has been a member in good standing of this congregation for two years and has been confirmed for no less than one year. We do furthermore support continuing discernment of the aspirant for Holy Orders by the diocese, and support the person's nomination for admission as a Postulant to the Vocational Diaconate. We base our decision on the findings of the Congregation Discernment Committee. We further agree to support the aspirant spiritually, emotionally, and financially to the best of the ability of the congregation throughout the Holy Orders process and Ordination. No matter what the outcome of the process, we will continue to hold this person in our prayers.*

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Name of Congregation/City

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Name of Applicant

Signatures of Vestry/Bishop's Committee/Council Members

*NOTE: Members who are themselves seeking Holy Orders are prohibited by Canon from signing this form.*

Signatures of Members:

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Name of Member of the Clergy or Leader Exercising Oversight

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Signature of Member of Clergy or Leader Exercising Oversight

**Attestation of Clerk or Recording Secretary**

*I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a duly convened meeting of the Vestry/Bishop's Committee/Council, and that the names attached are those of all (or a two-thirds majority of all) the members of this Bishop's Committee/Council or Vestry.*

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Date, Time and Place Meeting was Convened

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Signature of Clerk or Secretary

\* Required by Canons