



LETTER OF CALL

TO AN ASSOCIATE IN MINISTRY OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

*In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

With prayers for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to do God's will,

a congregation of the

of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
extends to you this call
to serve as

You are called as an associate in ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. The basic responsibilities and conditions for service as an associate in ministry of this church include commitment to Christ, soundness of faith, aptness and ability to serve in ministries that equip and support the people of God, and appropriate educational and personal qualifications approved in the manner prescribed in the documents of this church. As one called to serve as an associate in ministry, you are to accept and adhere to the Confession of Faith of this church; you are to be diligent and faithful in the exercise of the ministry to which you have been called; and your life and conduct are to be consistent with the Gospel and the standards established by this church. You shall comply with the constitution and bylaws of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and with policies and documents applicable to the position of service.

In so doing, we call you to be diligent in the study of Holy Scripture, in use of the means of grace, in prayer, in faithful service, and in holy living. Specific responsibilities and conditions, together with compensation related to your call, are provided to you in an appropriate document.

For this ministry to which you have been called, may you be sustained by God's Spirit in faithful service and may you be upheld by the prayers of God's people for the sake of the Gospel. In testimony of this call, we have subscribed our names on this _____ day of _____, A.D. _____.

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Attested by _____

Bishop of the _____

Date of synodical bishop's signing _____