



Pastoral Ministry

Pastors are baptized persons whom the ELCIC calls and ordains to the church's ministry of Word and Sacrament. On behalf of the church, pastors give leadership and vision to Christian communities of faith. Pastors are called to provide faithful preaching, teaching and witness to the Scriptures and the doctrinal teaching of the ELCIC.



Diaconal Ministry

Diaconal Ministers (Deacons) are baptized persons whom the ELCIC calls and consecrates to the church's ministry of Word and Service. They are rooted in the Word of God and grounded in community to:

- carry out a public ministry of service and witness;
- equip the baptized for ministry;
- bring the needs of the world to the church
- bring the gospel of Christ to the needs of the world;
- exemplify Christ-like service addressing all forms of human need.



Partners

Candidate

Personal faith and commitment to Christ are at the heart of one's decision to serve in pastoral ministry or diaconal ministry

Congregation

Congregations identify and assist in the recruitment and support of potential leaders for ministry. A candidate must be an active member of an ELCIC congregation for a minimum of two years and be recommended by that congregation.

CTEL Committee for Theological Education and Leadership

CTEL is responsible for determining the readiness of persons to enter the candidacy process and begin theological education, for endorsing candidates for a specific roster of this church, and forwarding a final evaluation of each candidate's qualifications and readiness for ministry to the synod for the use of the examining committee.

Lutheran Theological Seminary

On behalf of the ELCIC, the seminary provides graduate level academic study, supervises practical internship and contextual education and confers degrees. The seminary works with CTEL to train, support and nurture each candidate.

The Church through the Synod

The synod Examining Committee makes the final endorsement for ordination or consecration. A candidate who has received a call is ordained or consecrated by the bishop of the synod.

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COMMITTEE FOR THEOLOGICAL
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The Candidacy Process for Pastoral Ordination And Diaconal Consecration



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Stages in Candidacy for Pastoral Ordination or Diaconal Consecration

Candidacy Process

Inquirer (2-6 months)

A person who expresses an interest in ministry and asks for a registration packet is considered an Inquirer. The Facilitator of Registration will assist the inquirer to complete the registration materials.

A process of discernment is available to help the Inquirer consider the call to ministry.

Registered (8 to 12 months)

When the registration packet is complete, a candidate is considered by CTEL to be registered. A structured interview is scheduled, and the candidate is asked to work through a formal psychological assessment paid for by CTEL. CTEL assigns one of its members to be a relator for the candidate.

Endorsed Candidate (4 years)

A candidate who has completed the structured interview and the psychological assessment is considered for formal endorsement by CTEL. Endorsed candidates can apply to seminary or other accredited institutions and be accepted for ordination or consecration track degrees. Candidates must meet the entrance requirements of the institution. Each year the candidate meets with CTEL requesting endorsement for the next year's study. The relator assesses the gifts and encourages the development of the candidate. In addition to academic study the candidate completes an internship or field experience and supervised contextual education experiences.

Final

A candidate receiving final endorsement from CTEL will be scheduled by the Synod's examining committee for the colloquy examination. A candidate who passes colloquy is eligible to receive a call to a congregation or special ministry and be ordained or consecrated in their ministry.

