



Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

Ordained Minister—Availability for Call

Complete this form and send to the synod office for distribution.

Bishop's signature
or Designated Assistant

	Date
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Name of Bishop or Designated Assistant whose signature appears above

Synod

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1. Personal Information

Date Submitted:

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Last Name

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First Name

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Middle Name

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Middle Initial

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Suffix

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Address

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City:

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Prov.

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Postal Code

Preferred Phone:

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Preferred Email:

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Synod:

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Date of Ordination:

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2 a. Education

University:

Degree/Major	

From-Date

To-Date

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Seminary:

Degree/Major	

From-Date

To-Date

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Post Grad:

Degree/Major		Degree/Major		

From-Date

To-Date

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From-Date

To-Date

b. Recent Continuing Education

(from the past five years only) Class Title

Institution/Place, Location

Date

Class Title	Institution/Place, Location	Date

c. Describe your approach to continuing education and lifelong learning.

d. Language proficiencies, both written and spoken.

Language:		Skill Level:	
Language:		Skill Level:	
Language:		Skill Level:	

3. Work History

Congregation/Agency/Company, Position

Location (City, Prov.)

From-Date

To-Date

Congregation/Agency/Company, Position	Location (City, Prov.)	From-Date	To-Date

4. Describe your church and community volunteer involvement.

5. What are your hopes for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada?

6. Core Convictions. (This I believe about life, theology, and sense of call.)

7 a. Reflect theologically on your sense of call and the way it shapes your life and work.

b. Identify the three most prominent themes that are evident in your preaching, speaking, teaching, leading and living

c. How has your current ministry setting developed in the last three years, and in what ways have you contributed to this growth or development?

d. In your public role as a leader within the congregation, organization, etc., how would you describe your preferred approach, style and manner?

e. In fifty words or less, describe your passion for ministry.

8. Describe how persons and events shaped your approach to public ministry.

9. Describe your experience as part of a team. Also comment on your involvement with collegial groups. (Example: ministerial, cluster, conference, synod, intra-congregational staff or member team.)

10. Describe your immediate family.

11. Describe your approach toward self-care. (For example: prayer and study, Bible study, support groups, spiritual direction, recreational activities, family life or travel.)

12. Describe your personal stewardship. (personal finances, care of creation, volunteerism, time management)

13 a. Ministry Areas and Descriptions. Please review the list of ministry areas and descriptions and proceed to 13 b.

Ministry Area	Description
Worship Leadership	Plan and conduct worship services
Social Ministry	Enable persons to become aware of community needs and participate in action and advocacy.
Children's Ministry	Teach and relate to preschool and elementary age children.
Ministry with Youth and Young Adults	Creatively relate to youth and young adults to teach the faith and inspire commitment.
Teaching Adults	Teach and lead adults in faith development.
Administration	Oversee the affairs of the organization and work of staff.
Community Work	Represent the church and motivate persons to cooperate in community activities.
Ecumenical Work	Stimulate cooperation in local inter-church programs.
Stewardship	Inspire and motivate persons in developing and using individual and group resources in the service of the church.
Evangelism	Mentoring the community to help them live and tell the stories of faith.
Visitation	Support and nurture persons by visiting with them in their homes and places of employment.
Preaching	Proclaim the gospel as it applies to the lives of people.
Ministering in Crisis	Support persons in the midst of crisis.
Counselling	Assist persons facing problems or decisions.

Ministry Area	Description
Participant in the Wider Church	Provide leadership to programs of the church in the synod and the ELCIC.
Financial Management	Work with accounts, figures and budgets.
Inter-personal Climate	Exhibit and inspire a spirit of community.
Recruit and Equip	Enlist, equip and motivate leaders to carry out the work of the congregation/organization.
Interpreter of Theology	Communicate a comprehensive understanding of the Bible and Christian theology from a Lutheran perspective.
Innovator	Envision and implement new approaches, activities and projects.
Conflict Management	Analyze and utilize conflict situations to strengthen community life.
Planner	Map out objectives, plan overall organization strategy and design programs.
Sharing Leadership	Work mutually with volunteers and colleagues.
Family Life / Self Care	Cultivate home and personal life.
Study Habits	Follow a regular schedule of reading and studying.
Spiritual Discipline	Maintain a disciplined life of prayer and personal devotion.
Small Groups	Plan, cultivate and support small group ministry.
Transformational / Redevelopment	Lead a declining congregation into hope and new life.
Musical and Artistic	Enjoy and use music and the arts to enhance worship.

13 b. Describe your five best leadership skills from the categories listed in item #13 a.

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An example of this skill is: An example of this skill is:

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(3) (4)
An example of this skill is: An example of this skill is:

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An example of this skill is

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14. As you reflect on the Constitution, Ordination Service and the Letter of Call give examples of your work or experience in each of the following areas:

- a. Preach and teach in accordance with the Word of God and the confessions of this church

- b. Administer Holy Baptism and Holy Communion

- c. Lead in Worship

d. Proclaim the forgiveness of sin

e. Provide pastoral care

f. Speak for justice on behalf of the poor and oppressed

g. Encourage persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel

- h. Impart knowledge and encourage participation in the wider ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

- i. Endeavour to increase support given by a congregation to the work of the whole church

- j. Equip a congregation for witness and service

- k. Guide a congregation in proclaiming God's love through word and deed

15. Are you able to supply the following items, if requested?

Item	Yes	No
Video recording of worship, preaching, teaching occasion		
Audio recording of worship, preaching, teaching occasion		
Most recent Congregational Annual Report		
Weekly Sunday Bulletin		
Communication Pieces (eg. monthly newsletter)		
Links to facebook page; blog (if applicable)		

References: (Name, relationship, mailing address, telephone; include two lay persons and one colleague.)

Relationship: Name:

Address:

Address:

City: Prov: Postal Code:

Phone: email:

Relationship: Name:

Address:

Address:

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The information contained in this Availability for Call form is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If there are any significant changes I will promptly update this form.

I authorize any references, supervisors, ELCIC agencies, or any other person or organization, to give the congregation/agency any information (including opinions) regarding my character and fitness for ministry. I also release any individual, employer, congregation, ELCIC agency or official, reference, or any other person or organization providing information, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which may exist at any time on account of compliance or any attempts to comply with this authorization, excepting only the communication of knowingly false information.

A facsimile or photocopy of this authorization shall be valid as the original.

Signature _____

Date _____