

Appendix 7A – Letter of Call



LETTER OF CALL

TO A MINISTER OF WORD AND SACRAMENT 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
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, meeting on**

extends to you this call to serve as

We call you to exercise among us the ministry of Word and Sacrament which God has established and which the Holy Spirit empowers: To preach and teach the Word of God in accordance with the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions; to administer Holy Baptism and Holy Communion; to lead us in worship; to proclaim the forgiveness of sins; to provide pastoral care; to speak for justice on behalf of the poor and oppressed; to encourage persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel; to impart knowledge of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and its wider ministry; to endeavor to increase support given to our congregation to the work of our whole church; to equip us for witness and service; and guide us in proclaiming God's love through word and deed.

In accepting this call, you hereby promise to fulfill this pastoral ministry in accord with the standards and policies for ministers of Word and Sacrament of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Therefore, 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, compensation, benefits, and conditions of this call are contained in a document related to this call. With this call, we pledge our prayers, love, esteem, and personal support for the sake of the ministry entrusted to you by God and for our ministry together in Christ's name.

In testimony of this call, we have subscribed our names on behalf of the congregation on this
day of _____

President

Secretary

Attested by _____

Bishop of the Minneapolis Area Synod

Date of Bishop signing _____