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Certificate of Rector and Vestry for
Ordination to the Diaconate
Canon III.8.6(c)(2)*

To the Right Reverend ________________________________________________
Bishop of Kentucky:

We, whose names are hereunder written, judge that (N.N.) ________________________
_________________________________ possesses the qualifications fitting for one to be
admitted to the SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS.

I hereby certify that I am personally acquainted with ____________________________,
and that I believe him/her to be well qualified to minister in the OFFICE OF DEACON,
to the glory of God and the edification of Christ’s Church.

[Signed] ____________________________________________ (Date) ______________
Rector or Vicar

We do certify that, after due inquiry, we are well assured and believe that
___________________________________________________, has lived a sober,
honest, and godly life, and that he/she is loyal to the Doctrine, Discipline, and Worship of
this Church, and does not hold anything contrary thereto. And, moreover, we think
him/her a person worthy to admittance to the SACRED ORDER OF DEACONS.

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(to be signed by at least two-thirds of the whole Vestry)
I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the Vestry of
Parish, ________________________,

Duly convened at _________________________ on the _______________ day of
___________________, ___________, and that the names attached are those of all (or a
two-thirds majority of all) the members of the Vestry.

[Signed] __________________________________________________________________Date ________________
Clerk (or Secretary) of the Vestry

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(c) The Bishop shall obtain in writing and provide to the Standing Committee:
(2) a letter of support from the Candidate’s congregation or other community of faith, signed by
at least two-thirds of the Vestry and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising
oversight,