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Congregational Registration Form (Communal Discernment)

Every Christian has a baptismal call to ongoing discernment of God's activity in the world, in the Church, and in one's life. The primary purpose behind emphasizing a phase of discernment prior to candidacy - normally with a rostered minister or mentor and a discernment team selected by the church council - is to assist applicants in reflecting upon aspects of their lives that might confirm a call to rostered leadership. Some aspects worthy of consideration include an understanding of baptismal vocation, spirituality and prayer life, critical life experiences, relationship with the community of faith, significant life influences, and family of origin. You are asked to provide your understanding of the person named below who seeks candidacy for Rostered Ministry in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. This will be a part of the information which will assist the Candidacy Committee in its task of evaluating and accompaniment of the applicant as they begin their candidacy journey. Thank you for your time and effort in providing a candid evaluation of this applicant.

Person Seeking Candidacy: _____

Congregation (Discernment Community)

Name: _____

Address: _____
city state postal code

Pastor: _____ Synod: _____

Congregational Membership

Date of applicant's membership in your congregation: _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Number of years as a member: _____

Please share a brief description of this person's participation in the life of your congregation including any specific areas of responsibility and service.

Describe the process of discernment in which this person has been involved.

What is your assessment of this person's potential for leadership?

To your knowledge, are there any personal factors related to health and well-being that might be of concern if this person enters public ministry? Please be specific.

Describe any areas in which you believe this person might need specific guidance or nurture in order to pursue candidacy in the rostered ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Please be specific.

We hereby register this member of our congregation to be considered for candidacy in the rostered ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Chair of the Discernment Team or Council President: _____ **Date:** _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Pastor: _____ **Date:** _____
mm/dd/yyyy

Send completed form to Candidacy Committee at Synod Office.