To: The Bishop and Commission on Ministry of the Diocese of Western Massachusetts

We, whose names appear below, certify that __________________________ is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing of this Parish. We declare that, in our opinion, this person possesses such qualifications as would be fitting for admission as a Postulant for Holy Orders. This judgment is based on our personal knowledge or other evidence. We hereby, nominate this person for ordination.

We commit to financially support the ordination process of this nominee as follows:

We commit to otherwise support the nominee in the ordination process by:

Note: The Vestry is expected to attach a statement of the grounds upon which they judge the Nominee to be “fitting for admission as a Postulant,” to be specific about the qualification they perceive the Nominee to possess and to state whether this is based on personal information or what other evidence is used to make the judgment.

The Attestation MUST be in the form below and be signed by the Rector and two-thirds of the Vestry.

ATTESTATION
I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the Vestry of ____________ duly convened at ________________

on the ________________ of ________________

and that the names attached are those of all (or a two-thirds majority of all) the members of the Vestry.

______________________________ ________________________________
Clerk/Secretary of Vestry Rector

Signatures of two-thirds of the members of the vestry