

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM VESTRY AND RECTOR**  
(Form P-8) Title III, Canon 8.4(a)  
**(The Rector and Vestry must reaffirm the certificate)**

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

\_\_\_\_\_ *Parish Name* \_\_\_\_\_ *Date*

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 Candidate for Holy Orders. This judgment is based on our personal knowledge or other evidence.

*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 Candidate," 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 signed by the Rector and two-thirds of the members of the Vestry.*

**ATTESTATION**

I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the Vestry of

\_\_\_\_\_ *Vestry* \_\_\_\_\_ *Parish*  
duly convened at \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
*time day month, year*

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*

Vestry:

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