

LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM VESTRY AND RECTOR
Title III, Canon 6.6(b)(2)

(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 Deacon.
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 ordination to the diaconate," to be specific about the qualification they
perceive the Candidate to possess and to state whether this is based on personal information or
what other evidence is used to make the judgment. 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

duly convened at

_____ *Parish*

on the _____ day of

_____ *Time* _____ *Date* _____ *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*

