

**LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM VESTRY AND RECTOR**  
Title III, Canon 8.4(a) and 8.6(c)(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  
Transitional 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 transitional 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*

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