LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM VESTRY AND RECTOR
Title III, Canon 8.7(b)(2)

(The Rector and Vestry must reaffirm the certificate)

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

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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 Priest. This
judgment is based on our personal knowledge or other evidence.

Note: The Vestry is expected to attachment a statement of the grounds upon which they judge the
Nominee to be “fitting for ordination as a Priest,” to be specific about the qualification they
perceive the Deacon 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

______________________________  ________________________________
Parish                      Date

duly convened at 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.

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Clerk/Secretary of Vestry    Rector

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