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The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America's candidacy process for individuals preparing for rostered ministry is a partnership among candidates, seminaries, synods, and the ELCA. The process requires that candidate information may be shared among these partners. Every applicant for candidacy must give permission for the necessary exchange of information related to the candidacy process.

I authorize any references, supervisors, ELCA agencies, congregations, or any other person or organization to give any information, including opinions, regarding my character and fitness for ministry to my synod Candidacy Committee of \_\_\_\_\_. I further authorize my synod Candidacy Committee to release to ELCA candidacy partners (seminary dean or faculty, ELCA, Congregational and Synodical Mission unit) copies of any documents in my candidate file that are necessary to my candidacy process.

I also release any individual, employer, church ELCA agency or office, reference, or any other person or organization providing information from any and all liability for damage of whatever kind or nature that may exist at any time on account of compliance or any attempts to comply with this authorization, excepting only the communication of knowingly false information.

A facsimile or photocopy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original.

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Signature

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Date

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Name

\* Electronically submitted on: \_\_\_\_\_

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