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### FILLING IN THE FORM

This form can be filled out and saved for later editing, printing, or emailing. To fill out this form, position your cursor within a light blue field, click and begin typing. When you have completed a field, tab or click to the next. Periodically save your work. The first time you may be prompted to save with a different file name; you may name your file anything you want. If you include your name in the file name, that will make it easier to identify your file among other submissions. To ensure success, fill out a small portion of the form, save and exit. Open the form again and verify that your entries were saved.

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## APPROVAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST NAME
FIRST NAME/GIVEN NAME
M.I.
SUFFIX
TITLE

Leader Key: \_\_\_\_\_ Synod: \_\_\_\_\_

**Out of care for the church every candidate answers these questions as part of the application form. The questions will be discussed with the Candidacy Committee at the Approval Interview. The candidate and a member of the Candidacy Committee will then sign this form.**

“As a candidate for rostered ministry in this church, I understand I will be held accountable regarding this church’s expectations for my speech and conduct as set forward in Definitions and Guidelines for Discipline of Rostered Ministers. I understand that rostered ministry brings increased attention to my life. I am responsible for informing my bishop regarding any circumstance that might subject me to discipline according to Definitions and Guidelines. I understand that the candidacy committee may modify my candidacy status at any time in response to my speech and conduct.”

- Yes     No    1. Do you belong to any organization or lodge like the Free Masons or Eastern Star which claim to possess in its teachings and ceremonies that which the Lord has given solely to the Church?
  
- Yes     No    2. Have you completed your on-line personal health assessment?
- 2a. What did you learn, and what will you do to remain healthy?
  
- Yes     No    3. Do you have or have you had any health conditions (physical or psychological) that might interfere with your ability to serve as a rostered minister in the ELCA?
  
- Yes     No    4. Are there issues in your family situation or personal life that could adversely affect your ability to serve as a rostered minister in the ELCA?
  
- Yes     No    5. Is your personal debt, excluding mortgages, greater than \$31,500?
  
- Yes     No    6. Have you ever defaulted on a loan or declared bankruptcy?
  
- Yes     No    7. Do you now engage, or have you ever engaged in any addictive behavior, including drug or alcohol abuse or sexual or pornographic addictions?
  
- Yes     No    8. Have you ever been terminated or resigned from any employment or volunteer activities due to accusations of misconduct, whether financial, sexual, ethical, or other improper behavior?
  
- Yes     No    9. Have you ever engaged in, been accused of, charged with, or convicted of a crime or illegal conduct, including conduct resulting in suspension or revocation of your driver’s license?
  
- Yes     No    10. Have you ever been engaged in, accused of, sued, or charged with sexual molestation, sexual harassment, child neglect or abuse, spousal neglect or abuse, or financial improprieties?
  
- Yes     No    11. Do you have any sexual attraction toward children or minors, or any history of sexually deviant behavior, including behavior with children or minors?
  
- Yes     No    12. Have you engaged in any behavior or been involved in any situations that, if they became known by the church, might seriously damage your ability to be a rostered minister?
  
- Yes     No    13. Are you prepared to accept a call from this church based on the needs of the church which might require service in a location different from where you now live?
  
- Yes     No    14. Is there additional information that would assist the Candidacy Committee in considering your candidacy or that you believe the committee should know?

