



# Diploma of Vocation

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN

To \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

*Having called on the Lord, our God, for guidance and in the exercise of the authority with which He has vested His church on earth*

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_, has elected you to the office of \_\_\_\_\_ and herewith extends to you this formal notification of your solemn call.

*In the name of the Triune God and by His authority we ask you to assume the responsibilities of the office to which we have called you and faithfully to perform all the duties of your office according to the Word of God and the confessional standards of the Evangelical Lutheran Church as drawn from the Sacred Scriptures and found in the Book of Concord. We ask you to do this according to the needs as specified in the accompanying document or as may be resolved and mutually agreed upon from time to time. To the end that you may be enabled to do this, we pledge you our wholehearted and continuing cooperation and support in word and deed and in our prayers to God in your behalf.*

*We pray God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has moved us to extend our call to you, to convince you by His Holy Spirit that it comes from Him; to induce you to accept it; to conduct you safely to your field of labour; and to bless your ministrations to the glory of His holy name, the building of His church, the temporal and eternal welfare of many people, and your own great joy and blessing.*

Signed this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, A.D. \_\_\_\_\_,

on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

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