



**Metropolitan New York Synod**  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
God's work. Our hands.

## LETTER OF CALL

A Synod Deacon of the Metropolitan New York Synod ELCA  
In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen  
With prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to do God's will.

A Congregation of the Metropolitan New York Synod  
Of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America  
Meeting on (the date of your annual congregational meeting)  
Extends to you this call to serve as

### DEACON

We call you to exercise among us the ministry of Word and Service which God has established and which the Holy Spirit empowers; to assist the Bishop and the Pastor to proclaim the Word of God and to lead the people of God in their ministry of service into and for the world.

We call you to fulfill this diaconal ministry in accordance with the standards and policies for the Synod Deaconate of the Metropolitan New York Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

In doing so, we call you to be diligent; in the study of the Holy Scriptures; in the use of the means of grace; in prayer; in faithful service; and in holy living.

With this call, we pledge our prayers, love, esteem and personal support for the sake of the ministry entrusted to you by God and for our ministry together in Christ's name. Specific responsibilities and conditions of this call are contained in the "Description of Call."

In testimony of this call, we have subscribed our names on behalf of the congregation.

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Pastor

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Council President

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Council Secretary

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Attested by

Bishop of the Metropolitan New York Synod

*Date of Bishop's signing* \_\_\_\_\_

**Description of Diaconal Call:**

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Synod Deaconate Council Chair

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