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Holy Cross Evangelical Lutheran Church
1035 Wayne Drive
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Dear Pastor Dawn and friends,

At its November 13-15, 2008 meeting, the Eastern Synod Council took action to suspend your congregation in response to actions taken by you which are contrary to the constitutional requirement that congregations "assure that only those on the roster of this church serve it in a pastoral capacity."

The Synod Council further ruled that this suspension would "remain in place for the duration of Mr. Lionel Ketola's call to Holy Cross, Newmarket, or until such time as Mr. Ketola's call to Holy Cross is approved through the candidacy process of the ELCIC."

Having now received formal notice that Mr. Ketola is no longer serving under call to your congregation, I am writing to inform you that the synod's suspension of Holy Cross is hereby lifted.

It is my further understanding that your congregation will be rescinding its request to appeal the November 2008 action of the Eastern Synod Council to the ELCIC Court of Adjudication and that you will be communicating the same to ELCIC National Bishop Susan Johnson.

As always, this communication is accompanied by my prayers and very best wishes for Holy Cross and its ministries. May God grant you a restorative and renewing Lenten pilgrimage.

Your brother in Christ,

Bishop Michael J. Pryse
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