



# Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

## Ordained Minister—Availability for Call

Complete this form and send to the synod office for distribution.

Bishop's signature  
or Designated Assistant

	Date

Name of Bishop or Designated Assistant whose signature appears above

Synod

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### Personal Information

Date Submitted:

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Name:				
	Last Name	First Name		
	Middle Name	Middle Initial	Suffix	

Address:


City:		Prov:		Postal Code:	
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Home Phone:		Home email:	
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Work Phone:		Work email:	
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Preferred Contact Phone Number:  Home  Work Preferred Contact email address:  Home  Work

Synod:

Date of Ordination:

### 2c. Education

University:		From-Date		To-Date	
	Degree/Major				

Seminary:		From-Date		To-Date	
	Degree/Major				

Post Grad:		From-Date		To-Date	
	Degree/Major		Degree/Major		

**b. Recent Continuing Education**

(from the past five years only)

Class Title

Institution/Place, Location

Date

(from the past five years only)	Class Title	Institution/Place, Location	Date

**c. Describe your approach to continuing education and lifelong learning.****d. Language proficiencies, both written and spoken.**

Language:		Skill Level:	
Language:		Skill Level:	
Language:		Skill Level:	

**3. Work History**

Congregation/Agency/Company, Position

Location (City, Prov.)

From-Date

To-Date

Congregation/Agency/Company, Position	Location (City, Prov.)	From-Date	To-Date

**4. Describe your church and community volunteer involvement.**

**5. What are your hopes for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada?**

**6. Core Convictions. (This I believe about life, theology, and sense of call.)**

**7. Please describe how you view your ministry in each of the following areas. Comment on your practices. (*From the Rite of Installation.*)**

**a. Study of scripture and use of the means of grace.**

**b. Faithful service. (I serve faithfully by..)**

**c. Holy living.** (I live out my faith in this way..)

**8. Describe how persons and events shaped your approach to public ministry.**

**9. Describe your experience as part of a team. Also comment on your involvement with collegial groups.** (Example: ministerial, cluster, conference, synod, intra-congregational staff or member team.)

**10. Describe your immediate family.**

**11. Describe your approach toward self-care.** (For example: prayer and study, Bible study, support groups, spiritual direction, recreational activities, family life or travel.)

**12. Describe your personal stewardship.**

**13. Other needs, concerns, etc.**

14. **Ministry Priorities and Skills.** Please rate the level of your priorities and skills in the following areas:

<b>Priority</b> <b>1 – 5</b> <b>5 = High</b>	<b>Skill</b> <b>1 – 5</b> <b>5 = High</b>	<b>Ministry Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Check 3 areas for Personal Growth</b>
		Worship Leadership	Plan and conduct worship services	
		Social Ministry	Enable persons to become aware of community needs and participate in action and advocacy.	
		Children's Ministry	Teach and relate to preschool and elementary age children.	
		Ministry to Youth and Young Adults	Teach, work and relate well with high school and college age persons.	
		Teaching Adults	Teach and lead adults in faith development.	
		Administration	Oversee the affairs of the organization and work of staff.	
		Community Work	Represent the church and motivate persons to cooperate in community activities.	
		Ecumenical Work	Stimulate cooperation in local inter-church programs.	
		Stewardship	Inspire and motivate persons in developing and using individual and group resources in the service of the church.	
		Evangelism	Reach out with the Good News of Jesus the Christ.	
		Visitation	Support and nurture persons by visiting with them in their homes and places of employment.	
		Preaching	Proclaim law and gospel as it applies to the lives of people.	
		Ministering in Crisis	Support persons in the midst of crisis.	
		Counselling	Assist persons facing problems or decisions.	

<b>Priority</b>  1 – 5 5 = High	<b>Skill</b>  1 – 5 5 = High	<b>Ministry Area</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Check 3 areas for Personal Growth</b>
		Participant in the Wider Church	Provide leadership to programs of the church in the synod and the ELCIC.	
		Financial Management	Work with accounts, figures and budgets.	
		Inter-personal Climate	Exhibit and inspire a spirit of community.	
		Recruit and Equip	Enlist, equip and motivate leaders to carry out the work of the congregation/organization.	
		Interpreter of Theology	Communicate a comprehensive understanding of the Bible and Christian theology from a Lutheran perspective.	
		Innovator	Envision and implement new approaches, activities and projects.	
		Conflict Management	Analyze and utilize conflict situations to strengthen community life.	
		Planner	Map out objectives, plan overall organization strategy and design programs.	
		Sharing Leadership	Work mutually with volunteers and colleagues in a staff situation.	
		Family Life / Self Care	Cultivate home and personal life.	
		Study Habits	Follow a regular schedule of reading and studying.	
		Spiritual Discipline	Maintain a disciplined life of prayer and personal devotion.	
		Small Groups	Plan, cultivate and support small group ministry.	
		Teaching Youth	Creatively relate to youth to teach the faith and inspire commitment.	
		Transformational / Redevelopment	Lead a declining congregation into hope and new life.	
		Musical and Artistic	Enjoy and use music and the arts to enhance worship.	

15. Describe your five best leadership skills from the categories listed in question #14.

(1)

An example of this skill is:

(2)

An example of this skill is:

(3)

An example of this skill is:

(4)

An example of this skill is:

(5)

An example of this skill is

Please give examples of your work or experience in each of the following areas:

- a. Preach and teach in accordance with the Word of God and the confessions of this church

- b. Administer Holy Baptism and Holy Communion

- c. Lead in Worship

d. Proclaim the forgiveness of sin

e. Provide pastoral care

f. Speak for justice on behalf of the poor and oppressed

g. Encourage persons to prepare for the ministry of the Gospel

- h. Impart knowledge and encourage participation in the wider ministry of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

- i. Endeavour to increase support given by a congregation to the work of the whole church

- j. Equip a congregation for witness and service

- k. Guide a congregation in proclaiming God's love through word and deed

**References:** (Name, relationship, mailing address, telephone; include two lay persons and one colleague.)

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The information contained in this Availability for Call form is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. If there are any significant changes I will promptly update this form.

I authorize any references, supervisors, ELCIC agencies, or any other person or organization, to give the congregation/agency any information (including opinions) regarding my character and fitness for ministry. I also release any individual, employer, congregation, ELCIC agency or official, reference, or any other person or organization providing information, from any and all liability for damages of whatever kind or nature which 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 valid as the original.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_