

## **Parish Commendation**

The following form is to be completed by the incumbent and four lay persons of the parish of congregation in which a prospective postulant has been an active participant for at least one year. Normally the wardens and two additional persons who are particularly familiar with the strengths and limitations of the prospective postulant comprise the group of lay persons. The information in the form should represent the considered opinion of the five persons. This information will be used by the Bishop and her advisors, including the Secretary and Assessors of the Advisory Committee on Postulants for Ordination (ACPO). It is strongly recommended that the persons completing this form be familiar with the document entitled "Ordination Prerequisites" in the Anglican Church of Canada. This document outlines the procedures leading toward ordination in this Church, approved by the House of Bishops.

The completed form is to be sent to the Synod Office of the Prospective Postulant.

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**ONLY**

**The Anglican Church of Canada**

**Letter of Commendation**

We, the undersigned clergy and laity of \_\_\_\_\_ Parish or  
worshipping community, commend \_\_\_\_\_ to  
\_\_\_\_\_, Bishop of \_\_\_\_\_ to be  
given consideration as a possible postulant for the vocational diaconate; stipendiary  
priesthood; or non-stipendiary priesthood (underline one). We have known the above  
named individual for a period of \_\_\_\_\_.

Our association with him/her has been the following:

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He/she had functioned in the following ways in the life of the congregation:

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We believe that the following gifts and characteristics make him/her particularly suited to be considered for ordained ministry:

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We offer the following concerns or limitations which might need attention or consideration if this individual were to proceed toward ordination:

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We would \_\_\_\_\_ would not \_\_\_\_\_ be prepared to accept this individual for service as an ordained person in this parish, given proper preparation for ordained ministry. If not, please comment.

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