The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio

**Letter of Support and Commitment from the Vestry**

For Nominee

Title III. Canon 6.2.a

*Constitution and Canons 2012*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

To the Right Reverend Anne B. Jolly, Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio:

From: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Church, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, Ohio

We, whose names appear below, certify that \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ is a confirmed adult communicant in good standing in this congregation. We declare that, in our opinion, this person possesses such qualifications as would be fitting to be nominated for Holy Orders. This judgment is based on our personal knowledge or other evidence.

Furthermore, we commit to involvement in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_’s preparation for ordination to the diaconate. We pledge the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ as our contribution to the financial support of the nominee’s education and formation.

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I hereby certify that the foregoing certificate was signed at a meeting of the Vestry/Bishop’s Committee of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(name of congregation)* duly convened at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(time)* on the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, in the year \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and that the names attached are those of all or a two-thirds majority of all the members of the Vestry/Bishop’s Committee.

*(signed) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,* clerk of the Vestry

*(signed)* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, member of the clergy