The Episcopal Diocese of Ohio

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

For the Transitional Diaconate

Title III. Canon 8. 6.c.2

*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 for ordination to the diaconate. This judgment is based on our personal knowledge or other evidence.

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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