



**Letter from Principal Clergy/Clergy Representative on Inquirer's
Discernment and Proceeding with Community Discernment
Committee (CDC)**

To the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan,

_____ has been an adult confirmed communicant in good standing at _____ for at least the past twelve months and desires to continue his/her discernment as a nominee. As the Principal Clergy/Clergy Representative of this parish/faith community, I support the inquirer's further discernment of a call to Holy Orders. I have been personally acquainted with this inquirer for _____year(s).

Please reflect on the strength in the qualities that we seek in an Inquirer (*Please feel free to use a separate page to answer the questions*):

- I. Compelling Faith: *How has this person shared their faith with you in compelling and real ways?*

- II. Self-Awareness and Openness to Growth: *In what ways has this person in conversation with you demonstrated that he/she/they are open to growth?*

- III. Vocational Awareness and Community Affirmation: *Which holy order (priest or deacon) is the inquirer most interested in discerning at this moment? And why?*

- IV. Leadership in Context: *In what ways has this person been engaged and ministering in your congregation or faith community?*

- V. Additional Comments on why you think this person is suitable for further discernment of Holy Orders.

The members of the proposed Community Discernment Committee (for more information on CDC please to the CDC Manual)

Lay Convener _____

Email and Phone: _____

Members: (3-4) Lay People from Congregation and (1) Lay Episcopalian from outside congregation

| <i>Name</i> | <i>Congregation</i> | <i>Email</i> | <i>Phone</i> |
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Signature of Cleric

Date

All forms should be returned to the Commission on Ministry, preferably by email at com@edomi.org or by hard copy to 4800 Woodward, Detroit MI 48201