



EXTRAORDINARY
LUTHERAN
MINISTRIES

Name of Applicant: _____

CHECK LIST FOR ROSTERING ORDAINED PERSONS

- Application Form**
- Personal Statement**
- Sexuality Statement**
- Recent Sermon**
- Congregational Sponsorship Form**
- Consent for Release of Information**
- Disclosure Statement**
- Application Fee of \$50**

Personal Statement: Please submit a brief personal statement which: 1) Describes your experience in the church body you are/have been rostered; 2) Why you are seeking ELM Rostering; and 3) How your ministry and/or roster status is put in jeopardy by the policies of discrimination against GLBT individuals in Lutheran church bodies around the world

Sexuality Statement: Provide a brief description of how you understand sexuality: in your relationship with yourself and others, in teaching, and in living a life consistent with the Gospel.

Recent Sermon: Please send text and/or audio/video of a recent sermon you have preached. Also include a paragraph about the context in which the sermon was preached and the texts that were used.

Congregational Sponsorship Form: If this form will be mailed individually by the congregation, please let us know the name of the congregation and a contact that we can follow up with if we do not receive the form. If you are currently in a called position, you may sign the pastor line yourself.

Congregation: _____

Contact: _____

Contact Phone or Email: _____

Application Fee: This is used to pay a portion of the fees associated with the background check and administrative fees.

Please send to:
Rev. Megan Rohrer
Director of Candidacy
1751 Sacramento St
San Francisco CA 94109

APPLICATION FORM

I am seeking dual roster status. I am also rostered with: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Congregational Membership

Church: _____

Address: _____

If you are not currently called to a congregation please complete the Congregational Sponsorship Form.

Ordination History

Ordaining Church Body: _____

Location and Date of Ordination: _____

Last or current call: _____

Current status: _____

Please attach a resume or include education and employment information on the next page.

Education

College/University: _____

Location: _____

Major: _____

Degree: _____ Date: _____

Seminary: _____

Location: _____

Degree: _____ Date: _____

Other University/Seminary: _____

Location: _____

Field of study: _____

Degree: _____ Date: _____

Employment

Begin with most recent position (attach another page if necessary)

Employer	Position	Dates
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

CONGREGATIONAL SPONSORSHIP FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

Congregation*:

Address:

Telephone: _____ Synod*: _____

Pastor:

*The name and affiliation of the Christian worshipping community

To Congregation Council and Pastor:

You are asked to share your understanding of the person named above, who has submitted an application to the Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries. The information you provide will become part of the official candidacy file and will be considered by the Candidacy and Credentialing Ellipse during its deliberations concerning this candidate. Unless you specify otherwise, this information may be shared with the candidate on request.

1. How long has the candidate been associated with your congregation? Is she or he a member of your congregation? If so, please specify the membership date and the means (baptism, transfer, or affirmation of faith) by which she or he was received.

2. Give a brief history of the candidate's participation in the life of your congregation, including any specific areas of responsibility and service.

3. What factors or influences do you think have led the candidate to seek a professional vocation in the Lutheran tradition?

4. What factors or influences do you think have led the candidate to seek candidacy with the Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries Candidacy and Credentialing Ellipse?

5. Are there any personal factors that might adversely affect the candidate's ability to serve effectively as an ordained minister and as a member of ELM's rostered clergy?

6. Are there any personal factors that might enhance the candidate's ability to serve effectively as an ordained minister and as a member of ELM's rostered clergy?

*Please sign and date below and return to **Rev. Megan Rohrer, ELM Director of Candidacy** at 1751 Sacramento St, San Francisco, CA 94109.*

Council President or Secretary: _____ Date: _____

Pastor: _____ Date: _____

Consent for Release of Information

I, _____, fully understand that the contents of my application file may be seen and read by various members of the Candidacy and Credentialing Ellipse of ELM and its Panels/Approval Committee throughout the candidacy process. I also understand that there will be copies of my file made and given to panel/committee members for their review before the various interviews take place.

I understand that a mandatory background check is required of all applicants and that upon receipt of the completed ELM application form, my name will be sent to the Oxford Document Management Company to initiate that process.

Following my approval and/or when I finish the process, all file contents other than the original will be destroyed. The original will be kept by the Chair of the ELM Candidacy and Credentialing Ellipse in the official corporate files.

Signed _____

Date _____

DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OF THE RELATIONSHIP OF EXTRAORDINARY LUTHERAN MINISTRIES TO OTHER LUTHERAN CHURCH BODIES: AGREEMENT OF CANDIDATE

Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM) and its Candidacy and Credentialing Ellipse (CCE) does not operate under the auspices of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCiC), Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod (LCMS), or any other Lutheran church body. Neither ELM nor CCE is endorsed or sanctioned by the ELCA, ELCiC, LCMS or any other Lutheran church body. The purpose of the Credentialing and Candidacy Ellipse of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries is to evaluate candidates for ministry Lutherans of all sexual orientations and gender identities (a) who have demonstrated their principled non-compliance with their church body's policies and practices that discriminate against GLBTQ persons, and (b) whose status in candidacy or on the roster of their church body has been verifiably placed in jeopardy by their non-compliance.

It is fully expected that your association with and/or evaluation by the ELM will become known to the Lutheran Church body that you are/were affiliated with and that it will be viewed with extreme disfavor by that body. It could subject you to disciplinary and other adverse action by that Lutheran Church body, Lutheran congregations, and other church bodies.

The CCE separately evaluates each candidate for admission to ELM roster and retains full and sole discretion to decide whether to evaluate any candidate. In the event that the CCE does evaluate a candidate, it retains full and sole discretion to roster, or refuse to roster any candidate, in accordance with the criteria established by CCE/ELM.

ELM will not promise or agree in advance to evaluate a candidate or roster a candidate. ELM and CCE make no guarantee that any candidate rostered by ELM will receive a call, or otherwise be able to find employment in the religious field.

AGREEMENT OF CANDIDATE

I understand and fully agree with the foregoing Disclosure Statement. I knowingly assume the risks of damage to my personal and professional reputation, and to my career, by my association with ELM. I understand that a mandatory background check is required of all applicants and that upon receipt of the completed ELM application form, that process will be begun. I also understand that once a decision to entrance, endorse, approve or transfer has been made by a panel of CCE, that my name will be publicly listed in print, electronically and that the appropriate ecclesiastical authorities from the Lutheran Church body I am affiliated with will be notified of the actions of CCE/ELM. I agree to hold the ELM/CCE and each of its members and advisors harmless from any damage or liability I may suffer as a result of my association with ELM/CCE and/or participation in its processes.

Dated: _____

Typed or printed name

Candidate's signature