

**DEFINITION OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR MINISTERS OF WORD AND SERVICE UNDER CALL**

Prepared by _____

for _____

for the period _____ to _____

A. COMPENSATION

The congregation will provide the following annual compensation: \$ _____

B. PENSION AND OTHER BENEFITS

The congregation will sponsor the rostered minister in the Pension and Other Benefits Program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, which provides retirement, disability, survivor and medical-dental coverage.

(Sponsorship will include medical-dental coverage for the individual's spouse and children unless they have other employer-provided group medical insurance coverage and the individual consents to waiving medical-dental coverage for them under the ELCA Pension and Other Benefits Program.)

1. ELCA Pension and Other Benefits Program:

a. ELCA pension at _____% of defined compensation: \$ _____

2. ELCA medical-and-dental insurance *(check one below)*:

a. Member only c. Member and children e. Coverage waived

b. Member and spouse d. Member, spouse, and children

3. Other insurance or benefits: _____ \$ _____
_____ \$ _____

C. EXPENSES

The congregation will provide for the following expenses related to this position:

1. Automobile and travel allowance \$ _____

2. Other professional expenses \$ _____

3. Expenses for official meetings of the synod

4. Continuing education (\$1,000 recommended; minimum \$700 from calling source) \$ _____

5. Other (_____) \$ _____

6. Pay the moving expenses to this field of service as follows: _____

D. AGREEMENT

1. Vacation time of _____ days per year, including _____ Sundays;

2. Continuing education time of _____ weeks per year (recommended minimum of two weeks per year that may be accumulated up to three years) as reflected in a continuing-education agreement developed by the rostered minister and congregation council;

3. Participation in a First-Call Theological Education Program, where applicable;

4. Ongoing care through a Mutual Ministry Committee;

5. Up to two months of continued salary and contributions to the ELCA Pension and Other Benefits Program in a 12-month period in the event that the rostered minister is physically or mentally disabled*; and

6. Family leave of _____ weeks with full salary, housing, and benefits. (Recommended 12 weeks)

* Provision may be made for further unpaid time for disability recovery as agreed by the congregation, but with the stipulation that unused accumulated sick leave will not be compensated at the end of this call.

E. OTHER PROVISIONS

Special emphases of the minister of Word and Service under call and special encouragement by the congregation:

1. During this time period, the rostered minister under call will give special attention to the following:
 - (a) _____
 - (b) _____
 - (c) _____
 - (d) _____
 - (e) _____

2. The congregation will encourage and support this rostered minister in the following ways:
 - (a) _____
 - (b) _____
 - (c) _____
 - (d) _____
 - (e) _____

F. OTHER MATTERS

(Such as accountabilities, service on synod or churchwide boards and committees, work in outdoor ministry programs, or other such details.)

We, the undersigned, certify that the necessary approvals of the congregation and Congregation Council have been granted for the provisions set forth above.

Rostered Minister

Congregation President

Date

Date

NOTE: Retain original in records of the congregations. Make a copy for the person under call. As a matter of information, send a copy to the synod office. A description of the particular responsibilities of this position may be attached to this "Definition of Compensation, Benefits, and Responsibilities."

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