

THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Recommendation of a Candidate for the Ministry

The Christian ministry has been held in reverence and honor. Thoughtful and devout Christian people have always esteemed it sacred and unique, and of divine appointment. The church has insisted that those who are to receive her credentials and commission to preach must be known to possess the requisite qualities of heart, mind and body; and in order that The Evangelical Church may be assured that those persons who present themselves as candidates for her ministry are truly called of God to this office, let those who consider recommending them for license as ministers of The Evangelical Church, prayerfully and earnestly ask themselves these questions: Do these candidates know the grace of God in the forgiveness of sin? Have they victory over sin and is the love of God in their hearts? Are they examples of Christ-likeness? Do they have gifts for the work of the ministry? Do they exercise good judgment? Do they have an understanding of the plan of salvation? Have they the ability to communicate? Are they active and faithful in Christian service in the local church? Is their witness for Christ effective?

There must be assurance in these matters, for only persons of genuine Christian experience, of godly character, and Christ-like life, whose conduct before men above reproach, can receive the approval of The Evangelical Church as ministers of Jesus Christ.

Recommendation

At a meeting properly announced and held for the purpose of recommending _____ as a candidate for the ministry, there

(Name of Candidate)

were _____ members of _____ Church
(Number) (Name of Church)

present. At this meeting, _____ members of _____ Church
(Number) (Name of Church)

voted to recommend _____ as a suitable
(Name of Candidate)

person for the office of the ministry, and do hereby give him a good testimony respecting his Christian character, believing him to have the necessary qualifications, and that he is called of God to this office.

Date: _____ Signed: _____
(Minister)