

Covenant of Support

between First Lutheran Seminary Students/ELCA Roster Candidates and First Lutheran Church and First Lutheran Foundation

First Lutheran Church and First Lutheran Foundation hereby register and commit to _____ as a seminary student and candidate for rostered ministry in the ELCA (if applicable). This covenant of support includes the following commitments on behalf of each of these parties:

First Lutheran Church:

- Pray for, encourage, and fully support the student/candidate throughout his or her seminary/candidacy process
- Register the student for rostered candidacy (if applicable) and submit the “Congregational Registration for a Candidacy Applicant” to the synod on behalf of the candidate
- Adopt a resolution at the annual meeting of the student’s first year of study backing him or her as a seminarian and candidate for rostered ministry (if applicable)

First Lutheran Foundation:

- Provide tuition assistance to the student per the Foundation’s seminary tuition funding policy. This commitment to funding will be renewed annually.
- Fund the candidacy fee (for rostered candidates) up to \$1000
- Pray for and support the student

Seminary Student/Roster Candidate:

- Complete all tuition funding renewal applications and term tuition requests to the Foundation in a timely manner. Term tuition requests will be due each term for which funding is requested, and yearly funding renewal applications will be due no later than the anniversary of this covenant
- Provide an update to the congregation on his or her seminary progress at least once per year. The student will share his or her seminary progress with the congregation, typically in an adult education setting. Coordination and support for this presentation will be conducted between the student and the pastor. It is the student’s responsibility to contact the pastor to arrange for these presentations.
- Be diligent and prayerful in his or her seminary study, contextual education, and ministry development and training

Seminary Student/Roster Candidate

Signature

Date

First Lutheran Council Member

Signature

Date

First Lutheran Foundation Board Member

Signature

Date

First Lutheran Church Pastor

Signature

Date