**Lay Evangelists in the Diocese of Edmonton**

**Rector’s Reference/Endorsement Form**

Candidate’s name: ………………………………………………………………………………….

Parish: ………………………………………………………………………………………………

*Please use extra paper if necessary to answer these questions:*

1. How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity?

2. What is the extent and nature of the applicant’s involvement in the life of the local church?

3. Please comment on your knowledge of the applicant’s Christian discipleship, devotional habits and personal spirituality.

4. What gifts and abilities have you discerned in this person that, in your opinion, would make them a good candidate for ministry as a lay evangelist? What do you know of their current involvement in relational evangelism and parish outreach work?

5. What do you know about their involvement in the wider life of the local community?

6. What do you see as the applicant’s main strengths and weaknesses?

7. On successful completion of the Formation Program the candidate would be licensed to work as a member of your parish leadership team in coordinating and undertaking outreach and evangelistic work. What specific areas of work do you envisage them undertaking, and what are your overall hopes and dreams for their ministry in your parish?

8. Please comment on your parish’s understanding of the ministry of evangelism. How well do you think the candidate’s ministry will be supported by the parish as a whole?

9. How confident do you feel in your ability to provide local mentoring for this candidate as part of their formation process?

10. Is there anything else you would like us to know about this applicant or about their potential evangelistic ministry in your parish?

I nominate …………………………………………………………………. for consideration for training as a Lay Evangelist, having discussed with them the work and formation that is required. I am prepared to support, encourage, and work with them in their formation process and to welcome them as a member of our parish ministry team on completion of their training.

Signed: …………………………………………………… Date: …………………………………

This reference/endorsement, along with the candidate’s application form and the vestry endorsement form, is to be returned to the Rev. Tim Chesterton at timchesterton@edmonton.anglican.ca .