



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)

Resources	Overview of Ordination Process & Requirements*	Coursework required*
<p>Evangelical Lutheran Church in America Candidacy Manual: http://download.elca.org/ELCA%20Resource%20Repository/Candidacy_Manual_2012.pdf?ga=1.137348656.1866600449.1401298335</p> <p><u>Contact:</u> Rev. Dr. J. Elise Brown (pastorbrown@adventnyc.org) Lead Pastor at Advent Lutheran Church 2504 Broadway at 93rd Street New York, NY 10025</p>	<p><i>While at Union:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Affiliate with ELCA seminary (“affiliation seminary”), if at non-ELCA seminary (like Union). <p><i>After graduating with M.Div. degree from Union, complete:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. One-year internship, placement and supervision through affiliation seminary ** 3. One year of study at affiliation seminary, which provides the theological education that covers the ELCA “church’s understanding of the gospel, the ministry of this church as expressed in the historic Lutheran Confessions, and the mission of Christ’s church in today’s world...” <p>** Depending on arrangements with affiliation seminary and Union, one-year internship may be completed between the second and third (final) years of the M.Div. degree program.</p> <p><u>Additional ordination requirements:*</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Membership of ELCA church for one year. • Start candidacy process by completing the Congregational Registration Form with a synod. This online “entrance” form needs to be signed by both the church pastor and Congregational President. • See candidacy manual (see link under “Resources”) for details of process. • Must have “a call” (placement) to be ordained. <p>*Requirements for ELCA ordination vary by synod. The above expectations are typical of the Metro NY Synod. Confirm requirements with your “home synod” (where you want to do your candidacy).</p>	<p>M.Div. Degree, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Greek required; Hebrew recommended • One unit of Supervised Clinical Ministry (or Clinical Pastoral Education, CPE) • Boundaries Workshop