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cordially invite you to attend the

ORDINATION SERVICE

for

Lionel Ketola

called to be a pastor at
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Newmarket

to be held at

Trinity United Church
461 Park Ave, Newmarket, Ontario
<http://www.trinityuc.newmarket.on.ca>

Friday May 16th, 2008

7:30 pm

Clergy are invited to vest.
The liturgical colour is red.

A reception to follow!

Candidate Lionel Ketola called to the ministry of Word and Sacrament, reconciliation and justice making!

“**Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries (ELM)** rosters qualified candidates for extraordinary ministry and connects them with extraordinary congregations who are committed to the full participation of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in Lutheran life and ministry.

ELM certifies the credential of openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer persons for rostered ministry. ELM requires transparency regarding the sexual orientation and gender identity of roster members to church officials and ministry settings, and expects principled resistance to the discriminatory policies of the ELCIC and ELCA which require lifelong celibacy of GLTBQ persons serving in ministry.

The Candidacy & Credentialing Ellipse of ELM oversees this credentialing process, including: endorsement for seminary, internship, approval for ordination and call. ELM has working agreements with the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia and Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, and both seminaries provide the same level of education and oversight for ELM candidates as they do for ELCIC and ELCA candidates.”

Lionel Ketola – Summary of Candidacy Process

- 1986:** ELCIC endorsement for candidacy; M Div studies begin at the Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon
- 1987:** Internship is cancelled when Lionel comes out to his bishop
- 1988:** Removal of candidacy by Alberta Synod due to Lionel’s openness regarding his sexual orientation and his status as a gay man in an open relationship.
- 1990:** Graduation (M Div) from Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon
- 1998 :** Graduation (Diploma in Arts Therapy), ISIS-Canada’s three year Training Program in Expressive Arts Therapy.
- 2004:** Endorsed for Candidacy and Internship by the Eastern Candidacy Panel of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries
- Mar 2006 –Mar 2007:** Internship at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Newmarket. Internship site supervision provided through the Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia.
- Feb 2007:** Faculty Recommendation Interview, Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Endorsed by LTPS faculty for ordination.
- Apr 2007:** Recommendation Interview (New York, NY) with ELM Eastern Regional Candidacy Panel. Recommended for proceeding to final approval interview (Colloquy)
- Jun 2007:** Approval Interview (Colloquy) in Minneapolis MN with national approval committee of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries. Approved for call and ordination.
- Jun 2007:** Admitted to the roster of Extraordinary Lutheran Ministries. (www.elm.org)

April 20 2008: Called by God through the people of Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Newmarket Ontario to serve as **Associate Pastor**. Lionel will participate in Holy Cross’ ministries of Word and Sacrament, education, outreach and global justice. (www.holycrosslutheran.ca)

Deployed as an Ambassador of Reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:16 - 21) within the Eastern Synod and beyond to the ELCIC, Lionel is called to:

- Model reconciliation and full participation by seeking invitations to offer word and sacrament ministry among ELCIC congregations
- Work to increase number of Reconciling In Christ (www.lcna.org) ministry settings throughout the ELCIC
- Challenge existing RIC ministries to adopt deeper postures of full inclusion
- Broaden the trained leadership base for RIC field work throughout the ELCIC
- Network strategically to plan for actions, which will ultimately effect systemic change within the ELCIC and foster the full inclusion of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in the life and ministries of the ELCIC.