



## Letter of Intent to Ordain

Sunday, January 4th, 2026

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! This letter has been composed to inform the leaders and members of the Garden Life Church of my intention to render Holy Orders of Ordination upon Jeremy Butler, Tenika Butler, and Kenderrick Simien as Pastors in the Lord's Church. This intention has been reached after much prayer, counsel, and consideration. After several years of examination by myself and other trusted saints, these individuals have been found faithful, fit, and fortified in the Gospel and Christian service to the extent that it seems pleasing to the Holy Spirit to submit them to the Holy Order.

The Ordination of a minister signifies their accession in the grace of God as well as their total surrender to the custody of the Savior as prisoners of the Gospel and servants of the Church. The Word of God is clear to explain that the Elder is to be above reproach, family-oriented, morally excellent, attentive, compassionate, and calculated in the care of Christ's church (Titus 1:5-9; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Acts 20:28-31; James 5:14; 1 Corinthians 4:1,2). In the case of the aforementioned, I am convinced that they will continue to be a gift to the church and thrive as those who will give an account for the grace of God. Should any reader or hearer of this Official Missive of Intent see just cause for the disqualification of any of these Ordination candidates, please submit your charge in written form to my care no later than Sunday, March 1st, 2026.

God willing, there be no just causes for disqualification, and the approbation of the congregation is apparent, an ordination council of pastors will be convened on or before Saturday, April 25th. The purpose of the ordination council will be to privately examine the candidate and publicly charge and anoint them to the Holy Order.

May God be glorified as we endeavor to unify and mature the Church to transform the world.

In His Service,



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Lead Pastor