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On behalf of Three Cranes Grove, ADF
Columbus, OH

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Officers of the Clergy Council,

We write today to recommend and request an extension of the clergy credentials for Rev. Jan Avende. We sincerely hope that you will grant this extension, for the good of our grove and the good of ADF.

Rev. Avende has served our grove daily, and in many ways. They have facilitated weddings, including that of our current Senior Druid, funerals, high days, and more. They have provided liturgical guidance for the various rituals we have conducted, including the ADF Unity Rite at this year's Summerland Festival, and have provided the courage for newer members to step forward and take part in those rituals as well. They contribute their work in the #PrayerADay project, as the Initiate Path Preceptor, and as part of our grove's executive committee. The work they do is valued beyond words—they have always been, and continue to be, a vital part of our functioning as a grove. Despite the life challenges they and we have all been facing, Rev. Avende continues to uplift and support our grove as a whole and as individuals.

Rev. Avende serves in material and spiritual ways, but they also serve as a model for what Our Druidry looks like when lived. Their candor and honesty in the Druids In Cars Going To Festivals podcast has stirred many a needed and honest conversation among our grove members, and drives us continually forward in our own search for excellence in what we do. They are dedicated, driven, and wise, and provide an inspiration to our grove, to the Clergy Council, and to ADF as a whole.

ADF lists as its core virtues wisdom, piety, vision, courage, integrity, perseverance, hospitality, moderation, and fertility. Rev. Avende truly lives those virtues, and in their role as priest, encourages others to do the same. The example they set in their work is powerful. We, and ADF, are better off for their contributions.

It is our sincerest prayer that the Clergy Council takes into considerations the myriad of ways Rev. Avende has lived the calling to priesthood and extend their credentials for another three years and beyond. They have more than proven their worthiness, and we are incredibly proud to call them one of our own.

Sincerely,

Erin Fallath, Senior Druid
The Folk and Officers of Three Cranes Grove, ADF