

CALLED TO SERVE

The Catechism of the Episcopal Church declares that the mission of the Church is to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ. The Church pursues its mission as it prays and worships, proclaims the Gospel, and promotes justice, peace, and love. The Church carries out its mission through the ministry of all its members.

The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church; to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church.

At our baptisms, we are initiated into the body of Christ and receive a baptism of not only water but the Spirit whereby we are given gifts which we bring to the body for the sake of the ministry of the Church. Six specialized ministries among the many ministries of the Episcopal Church include Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, and Catechist.

Each of these specialized ministries calls for specialized training. In this brochure will be a description of each of these particular ministries and suggested training as you begin to fulfill God's call to ministry for you.

HAVE YOU EVER IMAGINED
YOURSELF AS A LICENSED LAY
MINISTER IN A SPECIALIZED
MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH?

Sometimes friends, family, clergy, members of the church see in you a potential for ministry in one of these six specialized areas of ministry: Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, or Catechist. You may have an inner sense that you have been set apart for one of these ministries.

If so, the Bishop and the Commission on Ministry encourage you to explore the possibilities of such a ministry by presenting yourself to your Rector as a nominee for such a ministry and by learning of resources and, if necessary, entering into training for your calling.

The Commission on Ministry invites you to talk with your priest soon and then register with the Episcopal Diocese of Central Florida for the next Conference on Ministry.

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**Episcopal Diocese
of Central Florida**

Licensed Lay Ministry

*Is God and the Church
calling you to be:*

Pastoral Leader

Worship Leader

Preacher

Eucharistic Minister

Eucharistic Visitor

Catechist

**The Commission on Ministry
The Diocese of Central Florida**

LICENSED LAY MINISTRIES

Some Provisions

Must be a confirmed communicant in good standing (unless in extraordinary circumstances be a communicant in good standing).

Must be selected, trained, and deployed based on diocesan guidelines.

Pastoral Leader

Exercise pastoral or administrative responsibilities

Guidelines for Training, Examination, and Competency

Courses in Holy Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal, Conduct of Worship, Use of Voice, Church History, Doctrine as found in the Creeds and the Catechism, Parish Administration, Appropriate Canons, Pastoral Care

May be provided through ICS or equivalent training resources

Worship Leader

Regularly leads public worship

Guidelines for Training, Examination, and Competency

Practicum: Conduct of Worship, Use of Voice, and Liturgy with emphasis on the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal

May be provided through ICS or equivalent training resources, e.g., EFM, DOCC, Kerygma, Sean, or Seminary Courses

Preacher

Preach in the congregation of clergy exercising oversight

Guidelines for Training, Examination, and Competency

Courses in Holy Scripture, the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal, Conduct of Worship, Church History, Christian Ethics and Moral Theology, Doctrine as found in the Creeds and the Catechism, Pastoral Care, Practicum, Use of Voice, Related Canons, Homiletics including Review and Critique of Great Sermons

May be provided through ICS or equivalent training resources, e.g., EFM, DOCC, Kerygma, Sean, or Seminary Courses

Eucharistic Minister

Administer consecrated elements at Eucharistic celebration

Guidelines for Training

History of Eucharistic Ministry, Altar Guild Guidelines, Personal Preparation, Praxis of Ministry in Church / Homes / Hospitals

May be through ICS Courses in Eucharistic Ministry or Parish-led courses in Eucharistic Ministry

Eucharistic Visitor

Take consecrated elements "in a timely manner" following a celebration

Guidelines for Training

History of Eucharistic Ministry, Altar Guild Guidelines, Personal Preparation, Praxis of Ministry in Church/Homes/Hospitals

Training may be through ICS Courses in Eucharistic Ministry or through its equivalent, e.g., Stephen Ministry Certification, Christian Caregiving Certification, Mourner's Path Leaders Training, or Seminary Training, or Parish-led courses

Catechist

Prepare persons for baptism, confirmation, reception, renewal of baptismal vows

Guidelines for Training, Examination, and Competency

Courses in the Holy Scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer and the Hymnal, Church History, Doctrine as found in the Creeds and the Catechism, Practicum: Methods of Catechesis

May be through ICS Courses, or equivalent courses found in EFM, DOCC, Kerygma, Sean, or Seminary Training