

PREACHER LICENSE

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Required Training for Licensed Lay Ministries (Title III Canon 4: Of Licensed Ministries)

Introduction: “A confirmed communicant in good standing or, in extraordinary circumstances, subject to guidelines established by the Bishop, a communicant in good standing, may be licensed by the Ecclesiastical Authority to serve as Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, or Catechist. Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education, and deployment of such persons, and the duration of licenses shall be established by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry.” Canon 4.1(a)

Preacher: “A preacher is a lay person authorized to preach. Persons so authorized shall only preach in congregations under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.”

Canon III.4.5

Training for a Preacher will include the following (Bishop to determine any other requirements):

- Knowledge of Holy Scriptures, contents and background
- *Book of Common Prayer* and *The Hymnal*
- Conduct of public worship
- Public speaking
- Church history
- Christian Ethics and Moral Theology
- Church doctrine as set forth in the creeds and Catechism
- Pastoral Care
- Homiletics

Resources: *Preaching*, Fred Craddock

General information regarding licensure:

- All licenses will expire December 31 of even years.
- Applicants may attend training at any congregation in the diocese as directed by the appointed supervisor of this ministry. Churches are encouraged to open their training to persons of any congregation in the diocese. It is the sponsoring clergy person’s responsibility to ensure that the proper required training has been undertaken prior to licensure.
- Yearly continuing education is expected of all licensed ministers in consultation with his/her local priest.
- The Commission on Ministry will provide, at least annually, continuing education opportunities within the diocese for licensed lay ministers.