

WORSHIP LEADER 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)

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Training for a Worship Leader will include:

- Knowledge of vesting
- Working knowledge of the Holy Scriptures
 - Major divisions and themes of Scripture
- Working knowledge of the Book of Common Prayer, including rubrics
- Knowledge of the contents of the Chicago-Lambeth Quadrilateral
- Public speaking
- Planning Morning and Evening Prayer (weekdays and Sundays)
- Familiarity with the lectionary
- Knowledge of the liturgical year
 - Calendar, seasons, colors
- Knowledge of *Lesser Feasts and Fasts*
- Conduct of public worship
- The practice of prayer (personal spiritual practices and the formation of public prayer)
- Practical aspects of movement within local parish

Resources: *Praying Shapes Believing*, Leonel Mitchell

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.