

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 by water and the Holy 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.

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Licensed Lay Ministry



Commission on Ministry

Diocese of SW Florida

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**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 the School for Ministry Development or equivalent training resources

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, and Homiletics.

May be provided through the School for Ministry Development Courses or equivalent training resources,

EUCCHARISTIC 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 the School for Ministry Development 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 .

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 the School for Ministry Development or equivalent training resources, e.g., EFM, DOCC, Kerygma, or Seminary Courses .

EUCCHARISTIC 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 the School for Ministry Development Courses in Eucharistic Ministry or Parish-led courses in Eucharistic Ministry .

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 the School for Ministry Development Courses, or equivalent courses found in EFM, DOCC, Kerygma, or Seminary Training .