



The Episcopal Diocese of Bethlehem

Applying for Lay Licenses

Certain Lay ministries must be licensed according to the Canons of the Episcopal Church (III.4.3-7). Lay Licenses are requested and renewed at the beginning of Advent. Confirmed communicants in good standing, 16 years or older, may be licensed to serve as Eucharistic Ministers, Eucharistic Visitors, and/or Worship Leaders. Licenses must be applied for by the clergy person in charge of the congregation in which the applicant serves, or the Senior Warden if the congregation is not served by a clergyperson. The separate application form should be completed and returned to the Diocesan office.

Eucharistic Ministers (A Eucharistic Minister administers the chalice at a regular celebration of the Holy Eucharist):

- Valid for up to three years.
- Must be certified as trained by clergy in charge of the congregation.

Eucharistic Visitors (Following a parish celebration of the Holy Eucharist, a Eucharistic Visitor takes the consecrated Host to members of the parish who were unable to be present at that celebration because of illness or infirmity):

- Valid for up to three years.
- Must be trained through diocesan training program.
- Can be renewed once before attending additional training

Worship Leaders (A worship leader leads a non-Eucharistic public worship in his or her parish):

- Valid for up to three years.
- Must be trained through diocesan training program.
- Can be renewed once before attending additional training

Anyone wishing a Preacher's License must apply directly to the Bishop.

- Valid for up to three years.
- May be requested any time.