

Episcopal Diocese of WNY

Lay Licensing Requirements

Licensing Descriptions (as established by the Episcopal Church)

Worship Leader (WL)

- A Worship Leader is a lay person who regularly leads public worship under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

Eucharistic Minister (EM)

- A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist. A Eucharistic Minister should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

Eucharistic Visitor (EV)

- A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. A Eucharistic Visitor should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

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.

The Clergy who completes a person's training requests a license for that person from the Diocese by submitting the [Lay License Form](#)

Worship Leader, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, & Preacher

A confirmed communicant in good standing is required

Safe Church training is required for Eucharistic Visitor prior to a license being issued

Eucharistic Visitor, Worship Leader, & Eucharistic Minister

Person trained by parish or non-parochial clergy

Service Reflection (within your congregation) is NOT a Licensed Preacher. Requires parish clergy approval & possibly pre-approval of the reflection (up to the parish clergy to decide). *Used primarily with Morning Prayer, and I resource is [Sermons That Work](#) provided by the Episcopal Church.

Preacher

Bishop approved training – required proof of a person's background of biblical studies (EFM, Online seminary, etc.). Trained by clergy with a background in training preachers. Contact Diocese for specific trainers.