

The Diocese of Virginia

Guidelines and Applications for Licensed Lay Ministries

"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." (The Book of Common Prayer, page 855)

Strong lay leadership has been a vital, central and intentional hallmark of the Diocese of Virginia from the colonial period until today. Lay people exercise a wide variety of ministries in the church and in the world. Some particular lay ministries require a license from the Bishop of Virginia. For a description and application for licensure, click on the appropriate ministry.

- Worship Leader
- Preacher
- Eucharistic Minister
- Eucharistic Visitor
- Catechist
- Pastoral Leader

Licenses are not required for Lectors who read the Scriptures or for Litanists who lead the Prayers of the People in worship.