

Bishop's Institute for Ministry & Leadership

Six month, 2026-27 course to prepare laypersons for the Bishop's License for

Licensed Lay Worship Leader

Foundation Course for Licensed Lay Ministry (September 2026-February 2027)

A Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) is a layperson that regularly leads public worship under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation. The LLWL must receive training and be evaluated and found competent by the Bishop, or the Bishop's designee, in the following subjects: the Holy Scriptures, The Book of Common Prayer, the Church Year, the Lectionary, the Psalter, and the Hymnal. Skills required of worship leaders include service planning, leading worship, and reading or delivering an address or homily.

**Saturdays - September 19; October 17; November 21;
December 12; January 16; and February 20.**

9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (with lunch provided)

The Diocesan Office,

325 North Market Street, Jacksonville, 32202 in the Milam Room.



How long is the Bishop's License valid?

Upon successful completion of the LLWL course, the person is Licensed by the Bishop for a period of 5 years and may be renewed. The license may be renewed based on the performance of the ministry by the person licensed, continuing education in the licensed area, and the endorsement of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation in which the person is serving.

Modules for the Bishop's License include the following subjects:

Holy Scriptures, the Lectionary, The Book of Common Prayer, the Psalter and the Hymnal, Church History, the Creeds and Catechism— together with practicums in planning and leading worship.

The tutors are all drawn from qualified teachers from within the Episcopal Diocese of Florida of whom the majority are ordained deacons or priests. **The cost** per student is \$150 for the six Saturdays. Limited scholarships are available.

A licensed Worship Leader must complete and comply with the guidelines for the **Safeguarding God's People** program.

Endorsement by the applicant's Rector, Vicar or Priest-in-Charge is required for the course. The endorsing clergy person affirms that the applicant is an adult in good standing in the parish and that he or she endorses the applicant for this ministry.

To register for the Licensed Lay Worship Leader Course, please download the application form and email to: hreyes@dioceseofl.org. You may also mail the form to: Ms. Hannia Reyes, 325 N. Market Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.



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