

BISHOP'S INSTITUTE FOR MINISTRY AND LEADERSHIP



LICENSED LAY PREACHER COURSE 2026-7

An 11-month Licensed Lay Ministry (LLM) course designed to equip, and train lay leaders in our Diocese called to the ministry of Preaching.

Starting Saturday, October 3, 2026.

The Course

The course will be taught in cooperation with the Episcopal Preaching Foundation (EPF) providing each student with a well-designed 12-month curriculum for home self-study comprised of a video component and study guide accessed via *GoogleClassroom*. In addition to the EPF curriculum, the in-person meetings will include gifted clergy tutors drawn from our Diocese who have a zeal for preaching and commitment to the formation of lay preachers.

Monthly class meetings

Saturday *in-person* meetings 9- 2 pm (with lunch included) meet at the Diocesan Office, 325 N. Market Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202.

In person meetings: October 3, December 5, February 6, April 3, June 5, September 4 and

Via Zoom meetings: November 7, January 2, March 6, May 1, August 7.

Certification

Every course graduate will receive a certificate of completion from the Bishop's Institute and a recommendation for licensing as a lay preacher in the Diocese. The Episcopal Preaching Foundation (EPF) will provide their certificate and a recommendation for enrollment in a new national network of lay preachers in The Episcopal Church.

Further particulars

Please see the attachments for (i) further particulars and (ii) the application form.

Deadline

Please submit your application by September 25, 2026, to Ms. Hannia Reyes, Episcopal Diocese of Florida, 325 N. Market Street, Jacksonville, FL 32202 or hreyes@diocesefl.org

Contact

Please contact Hannia Reyes in the Diocesan Office about the further particulars or the application form and clergy endorsement: hreyes@diocesefl.org. Contact the Rector of the Bishop's Institute, Douglas Dupree, for any questions you may have about the course: ddupree@diocesefl.org