

The Episcopal Diocese of Florida
Application for Licensed Lay Preacher Training 2026

Name of Applicant: _____

Parish Name: _____

Parish Location: _____

Date of Baptism: _____ Church where Baptized: _____

Date of Confirmation: _____ Church where Confirmed: _____

Completion date of Safeguarding modules: _____

This application is for a layperson who regularly attends and supports their church who feels called to train as a licensed lay preacher or who is prayerfully in the process of discerning a call to this ministry under the direction of the clergy of their church. The chief function of the licensed lay Preacher is to preach in services of public worship ordered by their church and according to the guidelines set by their clergy with oversight for worship.

Persons licensed for this ministry must complete and comply with all training requirements for the course offered by the Bishop's Institute and the Episcopal Preaching Foundation (EPF).

Please attach to the completed application a statement of your understanding of your call to this ministry that includes a summary of your participation in the life and mission of your parish church or mission; an acknowledgement of some scriptural knowledge and literacy and commitment to continuing education, e.g. deepening your engagement with scripture, Christian theology, prayer and spirituality.

All Licensed Lay Preachers are required to participate in Diocesan training and complete all Safeguarding modules.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

To be completed by the Rector, Vicar or Priest-in-Charge:

I do hereby declare that the above-named person is an adult in good standing in the parish and I endorse him/her for this ministry and course of study.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Title: _____

***Application to be submitted The Rector, Bishop's Institute for Ministry and Leadership via
hreyes@diocese.fl.org***