

**THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF UPPER SOUTH CAROLINA
APPLICATION FOR LAY MINISTRY LICENSE
2026**

CLERGY NOMINATION

I, _____, the member of the clergy exercising oversight
(Name of Clergyperson)

at _____, _____,
(Name of Congregation) (City)

hereby nominate _____ for the following lay license(s):
(Name of Nominee)

- ☐ Worship Leader
- ☐ Lay Preacher
- ☐ Eucharistic Minister
- ☐ Eucharistic Visitor

I hereby certify that the Nominee is a Communicant in Good Standing of the congregation and was confirmed or received into The Episcopal Church on _____, at
(Date)

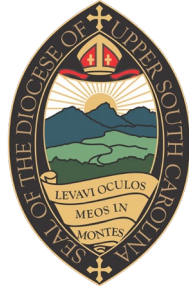
(Location)

I further certify that the Nominee has been background checked and has completed Safe Church training as required by the diocesan Safe Church policy.

(Signature)

(Date)

**A list of the required Safe Church training modules is found on page 5.*



NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name: _____
(Print or type the name **clearly** as it should appear on the license)

Address: _____

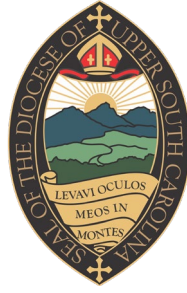
Primary phone: _____ Email: _____

Congregation attending: _____
(Print Name and City Clearly)

I agree to exercise this ministry under the authority of the bishop and clergyperson in charge of the congregation and to maintain all required certifications (such as Safe Church training) while licensed.

(Signature of Nominee)

(Date)



CLERGY TRAINER CERTIFICATION

Lay licensure training is required to be conducted by ordained clergy.

Trainee Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary phone: _____ Email: _____

Congregation attended: _____
(Print Name and City Clearly)

I certify that on _____, I personally conducted a lay licensure training at
(Date)

_____, and that the Trainee attended and satisfactorily
(Location)

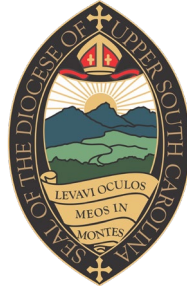
completed the training to be licensed as a:

- ☐ Worship Leader
- ☐ Lay Preacher
- ☐ Eucharistic Minister
- ☐ Eucharistic Visitor

(Signature of Clergy Trainer)

(Date)

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TO: MWILSON@EDUSC.ORG**



Description of Lay Licenses

Worship Leader - *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. Title III, Canon 4.4, TEC Canons 2022.*

Lay 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. Title III, Canon III.4.5, TEC Canons 2022.*

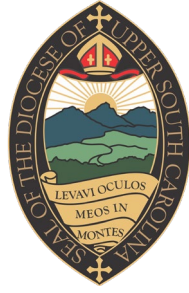
Eucharistic Minister - *A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist. A Eucharistic Minister should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith. Title III, Canon III.4.6, TEC Canons 2022.*

Eucharistic Visitor - *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. Title III, Canon III.4.7, TEC Canons 2022.*

Limitations and Revocation of the Lay License

Permission is required to minister outside of the Licensee's own congregation - A person licensed in any Diocese under the provisions of this Canon may serve in another congregation or other community of faith in the same or another Diocese only at the invitation of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight, and with the consent of the Ecclesiastical Authority in whose jurisdiction the service will occur. *Title III, Canon III.4.2.c, TEC Canons 2022.*

The license can be revoked - The license may be revoked by the Ecclesiastical Authority upon request of or upon notice to the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith. *Title III, Canon III.4.1.2.a, TEC Canons 2022.*



What is a Communicant in Good Standing?

“Communicant” shall refer to a **confirmed person**, resident within the cure of any Priest or vicar of the Diocese, who has not been suspended, or excommunicated or renounced his or her privilege by joining another body of Christians not in communion with this Diocese. EDUSC Canons Title XII, (9).

“[I]n Good Standing” with respect to Clergy or Laity shall refer to such a person who is baptized, **has been confirmed or received** in The Episcopal Church, who regularly participates in the life of his or her Parish or Mission, who regularly receives the Eucharist, and who regularly pledges and provides financial support to his or her Parish or Mission. With respect to Clergy, in Good Standing shall further mean that such person shall not be subject to any ecclesiastical inhibition. EDUSC Title XII (21).

Which Safe Church training modules are Lay Licensees required to take?

Required for all

- ☐ Safe Church, Safe Communities – Universal Training: Introduction & Theological Background
- ☐ Safe Church, Safe Communities – Universal Training: Organizational Rules & Policies
- ☐ Safe Church, Safe Communities – Universal Training: Healthy Boundaries
- ☐ Safe Church, Safe Communities – Specialty Training: Power & Relationships
- ☐ Safe Church, Safe Communities – Universal Training: Inclusion
- ☐ Safe Church, Safe Communities – Specialty Training: Pastoral Relationships
- ☐ Safeguarding God’s People: Preventing Sexual Harassment for Workers
- ☐ Safe Church, Safe Communities – Specialty Training: Bullying
- ☐ Duty to Report: Mandated Reporter

Required for those who do home or hospital visits

- ☐ Safe Church, Safe Communities – Specialty Training: Abuse & Neglect

Safe Church training is offered online through Praesidium Academy in both English (ENG) and Español (ES). Please contact your local Safe Church administrator to initiate a background check and for access to Praesidium.