



EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

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Qualifications

- Confirmed communicant in good standing
- Faithful in worship and in stewardship
- Mature in faith
- Of good repute in the congregation

Training

The bishop entrusts training and supervision of Licensed Lay Ministers to the Clergy in charge of the congregation. The hope is that a course of study on the following will occur:

- The various theological understandings of the Holy Eucharist in the Anglican tradition
- Methods and practice of the administration of the elements (use of the purificator, rotation of the chalice, use of intinction, consumption of remaining elements).

General Information for clergy seeking Eucharistic Minister licenses for lay people in their congregations:

1. Clergy requesting licenses should ensure that those licensed in the congregation represent the diversity of the Church, and include women, men, young people (16 years or older) and older persons, as well as persons of different racial and ethnic backgrounds.
2. Licensed lay ministers who are functioning liturgically may vest in either alb and cincture or surplice and cassock, according to parish custom.
3. Licenses are issued for five years.
4. Those who are in a formal formation program for the priesthood or vocational diaconate in the Diocese of Western North Carolina are deemed to be licensed under these guidelines.

Application for License as a Eucharistic Minister

TO THE BISHOP OF WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA:

I recommend and request that *(please print very clearly)*

_____, an adult, confirmed, communicant in good standing,
be licensed as a Eucharistic Minister.

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I certify this person is qualified and trained in accordance with the Canons and the Diocesan Guidelines. I will provide continuing supervision and training.

Clearly Printed Name of Member of Clergy

Signature of Member of Clergy

Name and Location of Parish

I agree to conform to the Canons, the Diocesan Guidelines, and the direction of the Bishop and the Member of the Clergy in charge of the congregation where I am to serve, in the exercise of the ministry of a Eucharistic Minister.

Signature of Person for whom this License is requested.

Date of Application

Send to: Diocese of Western North Carolina, 900-B Center Park Dr., Asheville, NC 28805

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Approval Initials:

Cert. Mailed (Date):