



Department of Leadership Development

Licensed Lay Pastors

The Anglican Mission believes that every Christian is created for ministry, gifted for ministry and needed for ministry. We are, therefore, committed to equip, empower and release the faithful to use their spiritual gifts to glorify God and to build up the Body of Christ (Romans 12; I Corinthians 12-13).

The Anglican Mission is committed to identifying and training emerging leaders who are committed to Christ and to reaching their generation with the Gospel. This will require of those seeking leadership in the Anglican Mission an authentic faith, Godly character, and a servant's heart (Luke 22:27; Romans 12; I Corinthians 12-13).

Licensed Lay Pastor Requirements

Anglican Mission Vision and Values

Application for Licensed Lay Pastor

Criminal Record Background Check (\$25)

Abuse/Misconduct Prevention

Parish/Network Commitment to Equip, Mentor, Supervise and Evaluate

Annual Review of Fruitful Ministry

Bishop's Approval

The Anglican Mission believes and is committed to identifying, equipping and releasing leadership. These values, along with the task of reaching the “130 million” and fulfilling our call to plant churches, necessitates that we identify, equip and release a host of lay leaders to do missional Kingdom ministry.

Licensed Lay Pastors are teachers (catechists), church planters and other equipped lay leaders who serve in a local parish or network. Typically these individuals serve in a non-stipendiary capacity.

Applications for Licensed Lay Pastors are sent to the Department of Leadership Development. The Department of Leadership Development will administer the licensure process and keep records of the documentation.

The local Rector or Network Leader is accountable for equipping, supervising and reviewing fruitfulness of the Licensed Lay Pastor. Additionally, they will ensure that an active healthy mentoring relationship is taking place.

The Bishop issues a license for Lay Pastors when the network attests to the candidate being equipped for ministry and the Department of Leadership Development verifies the other requirements have been met.

These guidelines are intended to allow local adaptation of licensed lay pastors. It is understood that the equipping and supervision will be adapted for particular local and cultural needs.

Licensure as a Lay Pastor does not authorize the licensee to perform sacramental functions reserved for ordained clergy. Licenses expire after twenty four (24) months. Renewals will be considered after a full evaluation of fruitfulness and clear necessity of licensure is determined by the Rector or Network Leader. Licenses are not transferable from one network to another.