



Licensing and Trainings in the Diocese of El Camino Real

Lay Licenses offered according to The Episcopal Church Canon III.4.1: Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Evangelist, Catechist. All are LAY licenses.

Role of the COM, according to this Canon: “Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education, and deployment of such persons, and the duration of licenses shall be established by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry.”

In El Camino Real:

Lay Licenses	Description	Trainers	Duration of License	Comments
Pastoral Leader	Pastoral or administrative responsibility in a congregation under special circumstances	None	NA	Currently not offered
Worship Leader	Leads public worship under direction of leader who has oversight of the congregation	Canon Martha, priests	3 years	Needs to be at the center of the worshipping community.
Preacher	Only preaches in congregation under leader who has oversight of congregation	West Coast Collaborative	1 or 3 years	Must attend Preaching Retreat to be licensed. 1-year option given if additional mentoring is required.

Eucharistic Minister	Administers consecrated elements at the Celebration of Holy Eucharist. Under direction of Deacon or leader who has oversight of the congregation.	Deacons	3 years	“At the celebration of Holy Eucharist.”
Eucharistic Visitor	Takes consecrated elements to those unable to be present due to illness or infirmity. Under direction of Deacon or leader who has oversight of the congregation.	Deacons	3 years	“By reason of illness or infirmity were unable to be present” at the celebration of Eucharist.
Catechist	Prepares persons for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, Reaffirmation under oversight of leader.	None	NA	Currently not offered, although it is happening.
Evangelist	“Represents Jesus Christ in such a way that people are led to receive Christ as Savior and follow Christ as Lord in the fellowship of the Church.”	None	NA	Assists leader with ministry of evangelism.

Process:

Trainer recommends the person for licensing. The Bishop approves the license, and her Assistant issues the license. The license is sent TO THE PARISH, via snail mail. Good put licenses on a wall in the parish—highlights lay leadership.