



The Diocese of Western North Carolina

Preacher

A Preacher is a lay person authorized to preach the Gospel using his or her own words. Persons so authorized shall only preach in the congregation(s) or community of faith overseen by the sponsoring member of the clergy.

Qualifications

- Confirmed communicant in good standing
- Faithful in worship and in stewardship
- Mature in faith
- Of good repute in the congregation
- Reliability and punctuality
- Ability to think, teach, proclaim and speak clearly

Training

Completion of a course of training and study, under the supervision of the rector or other priest, to include a study of

- The Holy Scriptures
- Forms of exegesis and an overview of forms of Biblical criticism
- The use of biblical commentaries and other aids for sermon preparation
- Church History, Christian Ethics and Moral Theology
- The Church's Doctrine as set forth in the Creeds and the Catechism
- The Canons of The Episcopal Church
- The translations of the Bible authorized by the Church as the source for readings in public worship
- Use of the voice

The clergy person who requests the license will write a letter to the bishop outlining the course of training completed, the qualifications of the candidate, and the ways the candidate will exercise a ministry of preaching in the congregation.

Application

The application process for licensing as a Pastoral Leader will be specific to the particular circumstance. Contact the office of the Canon to the Ordinary to explore this process: 828-225-6656 or canonaugusta@diocesewnc.org.