**PASTORAL LEADER**

A Pastoral Leader to exercises pastoral or administrative responsibility in a congregation under special circumstances and may regularly lead the office authorized by the Book of Common Prayer.

# **Qualifications**

A Pastoral Leader must be a person of exceptional spiritual and personal maturity with demonstrated gifts of administration, discernment, pastoral care, teaching, and proclamation.

In addition, a Pastoral Leader must be:

* A confirmed communicant in good standing
* Faithful in worship and in stewardship
* Mature in faith
* Of good repute in the congregation

# **Training**

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

* The basics of parish administration
* The basics of Pastoral Care
* The Holy Scriptures, contents and background
* The Book of Common Prayer and The Hymnal
* The Doctrine of the Episcopal Church set forth in the Creeds, and an Outline of Faith commonly called the Catechism
* Methods of Catechism
* Safe Church, Safe Communities Training
* Beloved Community Training
* Normally, a Pastoral leader will have served as a licensed Eucharistic Minister for at least one year before applying as a Pastoral leader

**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.