**WORSHIP LEADER**

A Worship Leader is a person who regularly leads public worship under the direction of a Member of the Priest-in-Charge. Before licensing the Worship Leader must be trained, examined, and found competent in the listed course of study.

# **Qualifications:**

* Confirmed communicant in good standing
* Faithful in worship and in stewardship
* Mature in faith
* Of good repute in the congregation
* Able to lead public worship, demonstrated through service as a lector for at least six months
* Reliability and punctuality
* Ability to 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, 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
* The conduct of public worship
* Use of the voice
* Congregation administration
* Appropriate canons
* Pastoral care
* Homiletics
* Safe Church, Safe Communities Training
* Beloved Community Training

**Application for License as a Worship Leader**

 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 Worship Leader.

A Worship Leader is a person who regularly leads public worship under the direction of a Member of the Priest-in-Charge.

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

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Clearly Printed Name of Member of Clergy

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Signature of Member of Clergy

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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.

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Signature of Person for whom this License is requested

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Date of Application

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

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 Approval Initials:

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