

Title III, Canon 4

In accordance with the canons of The Episcopal Church, the Bishop of Arkansas may license confirmed communicants in good standing to serve in various liturgical and pastoral roles within the diocese. Guidelines for training Eucharistic Ministers (III.4.6) and Visitors (III.4.7) can be found in “A Customary for Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors.” **NOTE:** Worship Leaders (III.4.5) and Preachers (III.4.6) must be trained in consultation with the bishop or the bishop’s designee. Contact the bishop’s office for additional information.

Once training has been completed, the applicant and the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation may complete this form and forward it to the bishop’s office (The Episcopal Diocese of Arkansas, P.O. Box 164668, Little Rock, AR 72216 **OR** info@episcopalarkansas.org). Once approved, a certificate of licensure will be returned.

Please check the license(s) requested:

_____ **Worship Leader**

A Worship Leader is a lay person who regularly leads public worship under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

_____ **Preacher**

A Preacher is a lay person authorized to preach. Persons so authorized shall only preach in congregations under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

_____ **Eucharistic Minister**

A Eucharistic Minister is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist. A Eucharistic Minister should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

_____ **Eucharistic Visitor**

A Eucharistic Visitor is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. A Eucharistic Visitor should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

I [Applicant’s Full Name] _____ confirm that I have completed Safe Church training (<https://www.episcopalarkansas.org/safe-church>).

Applicant’s Signature _____

Mailing Address _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

Name and Location of Sponsoring Congregation _____

Signature of Member of the Clergy
or Other Congregational Leader Exercising Oversight _____