

Section 2: Licensed Lay Ministries

Doc. 2E: Evangelist

An Evangelist is a lay person who presents the good news of 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. An Evangelist assists with the community's ministry of evangelism in partnership with the Presbyter or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation, or as directed by the Bishop.

Applicants for the ministry of Evangelist are required to participate in a Discernment Conferences before applying to the Bishop and appearing before COMB.

The Evangelist is a confirmed communicant in good standing functioning with permission of the Bishop and under the direct supervision of the congregation's Priest-in-Charge. Once licensed, the Evangelist serves solely at the discretion of the Priest-in-Charge.

Training

The Evangelist, under the direction of the Priest-in-Charge, will pursue a course of study devised by EICS appropriate to this ministry, and, if necessary, modified according to the applicant's previous education and experience. The program may be primarily self-study or distance study and may include reading material, seminars, webinars or actual courses. The areas of study are:

- Holy Scriptures, interpretation, contents and background
- The Baptismal Covenant and its application to the ministry of all Christians
- Individual and communal prayer
- An overview of Church history including current events in The Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion
- Christian ethics and moral theology
- Evangelism
- Safeguarding God's Children
- Anti-Racism Training

Certification

The Evangelist license may be renewed every 3 years with annual evaluations from the Priest-in-Charge. The license can be revoked by the Bishop upon request of the Priest-in-Charge.

Documentation

The Priest-in-Charge will maintain a confidential personnel file for the Evangelist which shall contain the following:

- Documentation of training, examination and competency in the areas listed above under "Training"
- Certification of the Evangelist's completion of required diocesan training
- A copy of the application sent to the Bishop by the Priest-in-Charge
- A copy of the certificate from the Bishop licensing the person to be an Evangelist

Documentation of licensing of Evangelists will be maintained and displayed in the parish.