

**APPLICATION
FOR LICENSING OF
EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND EUCHARISTIC VISITORS**

General Convention (2003) Title III, Canon 4, Sec. 6&7

The Canons of the Episcopal Church describe the ministries of the Eucharistic Ministers and Eucharistic Visitors as follows:

Section 1(a): A confirmed communicant in good standing or, in extraordinary circumstances, subject to guidelines established by the Bishop, a communicant in good standing, may be licensed by the Ecclesiastical Authority to serve as Pastoral Leader, Worship Leader, Preacher, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, or Catechist. Requirements and guidelines for the selection, training, continuing education, and deployment of such persons, and the duration of licenses shall be established by the Bishop in consultation with the Commission on Ministry.

Section 6: 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.

Section 7: 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.

INDIVIDUAL PROPOSED FOR LICENSING:

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS _____
STREET CITY STATE ZIP

DATE OF BAPTISM _____ PLACE OF BAPTISM _____

DATE OF CONFIRMATION _____ PLACE OF CONFIRMATION _____

PLEASE INDICATE THE MINISTRY FOR WHICH YOU ARE REQUESTING AUTHORIZATION:

EUCHARISTIC MINISTER EUCHARISTIC VISITOR

HAS THE INDIVIDUAL BEEN LICENSED PREVIOUSLY AS: (YES) (NO)
EUCHARISTIC VISITOR _____
EUCHARISTIC MINISTER _____

CONGREGATION FOR WHICH LICENSING IS REQUESTED: _____

Date

Signature of Applicant

SECTION A. THOSE TO BE LICENSED AS EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

(As a general guide, a congregation may request to license up to three Eucharistic Ministers for each regular Sunday Eucharist).

- 1) The applicant has functioned as a Eucharistic Minister for _____ of the past 3 years
- 2) Check one of the following:

_____ The applicant attended a diocesan training session for this ministry on _____ 20_____.

_____ I have personally met with the applicant and certify that he/she:

- a. Is familiar with the rubrics and Additional Directions in the Book of Common Prayer relating to the administration of the Chalice (pg. 338, 365, 406-409)
- b. Appreciates the understanding of sacraments and particularly the Holy Eucharist as outlined in the Catechism (BCP pg. 857-860).
- c. Has agreed to participate in the administration of the Holy Communion at least once a month and more frequently if so scheduled.

SECTION B. THOSE TO BE LICENSED TO BE LICENSED AS EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

This applicant has been prepared for this ministry at _____ Church of _____ on _____ 20_____.

Member of the Clergy Signature

A license is requested for: 1 2 3 (circle one) years.

(No one will be licensed for more than three consecutive years. At the end of a third year, the person licensed will be expected to wait a full year before re-licensing).

Date

Rector/Vicar, or Priest in Charge's Signature