

Title III, Canon 4: Of Licensed Ministries

Sec. 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.

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Sec. 3 A **Pastoral Leader** is a lay person authorized to exercise pastoral or administrative responsibility in a congregation under special circumstances, as defined by the Bishop.

Sec. 4 A **Worship Leader** is a lay person who regularly leads public worship under the directions of a Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

Sec. 5 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.

Sec. 6 A **Eucharistic Minister** is a lay person authorized to administer the consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist. A Eucharistic Minister acts 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.

Sec. 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.

Sec. 8 A **Catechist** is a lay person authorized to prepare persons for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, and shall function under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith.

Sec. 9 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.

If you wish to use the Niobrara terms:

- Acting Helper (requires no license)
- Helper (same as Worship Leader and Eucharistic Minister)
- Catechist (same as Worship Leader, Eucharistic Minister, Eucharistic Visitor, Preacher, Pastoral Leader [optional], and Catechist)
- Senior Catechist (not subject to renewal)]