

8.--Licensing of Lay Readers

1. Lay Readers of the Church shall be appointed and licensed at the pleasure of the Bishop.
2. A Diocesan Board, and/or Chaplain for Lay Readers, may be appointed by the Bishop and shall:
 - (a) receive nominations for a parishioner to act in the office of Lay Reader of the Church. Such nominations shall come from the Rector/Incumbent/Priest-in-Charge; and
 - (b) recommend to the Bishop the issuance of licenses to act as Lay Readers of the Church; and
 - (c) maintain a list of active licensed Lay Readers for publication in the Synod Journal.
3. When a Rector/Incumbent/Priest-in-Charge, to whom a Lay Reader is licensed, leaves the parish/congregation, the Lay Reader's licence comes under the authority of the Territorial Archdeacon. Six months after the appointment of a new Rector/Incumbent/Priest-in-Charge, the Rector/Incumbent/Priest-in-Charge may request the Bishop to re-issue the Lay Reader's licence. Should the Rector/Incumbent/Priest-in-Charge not make such a request, the licence will be deemed to have been cancelled following a conversation between the Lay Reader and the Rector/Incumbent/Priest-in-charge.
4. A Lay Reader's licence may be revoked at the discretion of the Bishop.
5. The Diocesan Board, and/or Chaplain, shall, in consultation with the Bishop, establish and oversee the requirements and training for Lay Readers.