

## CANON 14

### LAY READERS

1. A candidate for the office of lay reader shall either
  - (a) Be recommended in writing to the Bishop by the incumbent and the churchwardens of the parish of which the candidate is a member, or
  - (b) Be appointed on the initiative of the Bishop for special work.
2. The qualifications of a lay reader shall be determined by the Bishop.
3. Admission to the office shall be in such form as the Bishop may from time to time direct.
4. In January of each year the incumbent, or in the absence of the incumbent, a churchwarden, shall, in a form supplied by the Diocese, send to the Bishop a correct list of all the active licensed lay readers in the parish. If the name of a lay reader licensed the previous year is omitted from the list, then the licence of such lay reader shall be deemed to have expired. The Bishop may revoke the licence of a lay reader at any time or on the written request of the incumbent.
5. In the absence or at the request of an officiating member of the clergy, a lay reader may:
  - (a) Lead any portion of Morning or Evening Prayer and the Litany except the Absolution.
  - (b) Lead any portion of the Holy Eucharist except those parts reserved for the priest or Bishop.
  - (c) Preach, catechise and perform other duties specified by the Bishop or the incumbent.
6. A lay reader may also assist at Holy Communion if licensed thereto by the Bishop.
7. Lay readers shall be under the direction of the Bishop when engaged in Diocesan service, and under the direction of the incumbent when engaged in a parish, except in the case of a parish operating under a formal mandate from the Bishop as a Local Collaborative Ministry in which case they shall be under the direction of the Local Collaborative Ministry.
8. Lay readers are members of the Deanery and entitled to attend meetings of the Deanery.