

The Process for Becoming
an Endorsed Lay Preacher
in and for the Presbytery of Geneva

Those desiring to be endorsed as Lay Preachers shall:

1. Make a written application which will contain at least the following information:
 - A. Name, address, phone (personal data).
 - B. Church of which you are a member.
 - C. Identify each of the “Developing Leadership for the Future Church” seminars you have attended. (Bible, Theology, Church History, Polity, Worship, Preaching, Spirituality and Church and Committee on Ministry).

It is expected that you will have attended 14 of the 20 sessions, attending at least one in each of the program area blocks.

Those who do not fulfill these requirements may request a waiver, giving reasons. Seminar participants who do not fulfill this requirement may be mentored on a case by case.
 - D. Write a narrative statement, in consultation with the sub-committee of Committee on Ministry and Committee on Preparation of Ministry, who will provide support and guidance, about why you wish to be endorsed as a lay preacher which includes a brief statement of faith (perhaps modeled on the Apostle’s Creed).

2. Attend additional seminars which will:
 - A. Give directions in putting together an actual worship service with all its parts.
 - B. Share a fully developed service of worship which includes all details and choices.

It is expected that the sermon be presented in hard copy, manuscript, outline, etc. and will be “preached” before the sub-committee of Committee on Ministry and Committee on Preparation of Ministry.
 - C. Take part in a “shadowing” exercise.
 1. Work with an ordained and installed pastor to be the liturgist on a mutually agreeable Sunday working with the pastor to design the service.
 2. Work with an ordained and installed pastor (not necessarily the same one as above) to be the “preacher” for a Sunday morning.
 - D. Meet with a sub-committee of Committee on Ministry and Committee on Preparation of Ministry to be examined for endorsement as Lay Preacher.

3. Expectations:
 - A. If the way be clear, to be licensed at a Presbytery meeting for a term of 3 years.
 - B. Each endorsed lay preacher will take advantage of continuing education events offered by Seminaries, the Presbytery, and/other Educational Institutions.
 - C. Upon applying for re-licensing, a lay preacher may be called upon to provide a report to the Committee on Ministry that will:
 1. List dates and places that the lay preacher has conducted worship during the three year term.
 2. List dates and places of continuing education events that the lay preacher has attended during the three year term.