



Lay Preaching

Application – The Diocese of Mississippi

This form is to be completed by the applicant in accordance with Title III, Canon 4.4 and in conversation with a sponsoring priest who is required to complete and sign Section 2 *only* if the priest believes the applicant is qualified, by God's grace, to be licensed as a preacher.

While this form may be completed electronically, it *must* be printed and signed by hand.

SECTION 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT

NAME:			
LAST		FIRST	MIDDLE
HOME PHONE		CELL PHONE	EMAIL
PRESENT ADDRESS:			
STREET		CITY	STATE ZIP
PERMANENT ADDRESS:			
STREET		CITY	STATE ZIP
YEARS RESIDENT IN MISSISSIPPI:			
DATE OF BIRTH:	PLACE OF BIRTH:	SEX:	SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER:
____/____/____ MM DD YYYY	CITY STATE	☐ MALE ☐ FEMALE	____-____-____
DATE OF BAPTISM:	CELEBRANT CHURCH CITY STATE		
____/____/____ MM DD YYYY			
DATE OF CONFIRMATION:	BISHOP CHURCH CITY STATE		
____/____/____ MM DD YYYY			
WHERE DO YOU WORSHIP?		HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A COMMUNICANT?	
HOW ACTIVE ARE YOU IN YOUR LOCAL CHURCH? (PLEASE DESCRIBE ANY LEADERSHIP ROLES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES OR EVENTS)			

SUMMARIZE YOUR EDUCATIONAL HISTORY, INCLUDING ALL POST-HIGH SCHOOL DEGREES AND CERTIFICATIONS (FOR EXAMPLE: COLLEGE AND GRADUATE DEGREES AND EFM).

SUMMARIZE YOUR WORK HISTORY, INCLUDING CURRENT POSITION, IF ANY.

SPOUSE / PARTNER: IF YOU ARE MARRIED OR PARTNERED, PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION

DATE OF BIRTH:

____/____/____
MM DD YYYY

FULL NAME

BACKGROUND CHECKS: AS PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS, A THOROUGH BACKGROUND CHECK WILL BE COMPLETED. THIS WILL INCLUDE A REVIEW OF ANY CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS. IF YOU HAVE BEEN CONVICTED OF A CRIME, PLEASE **ATTACH A SEPARATE SHEET** AND PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

- A SUMMARY OF THE CHARGES AND ANY FINES, PENALTIES, OR INCARCERATION THAT RESULTED FROM THE LEGAL ACTION.
- WHAT HAVE YOU LEARNED FROM THIS EXPERIENCE?
- HOW HAS THIS AFFECTED YOUR SPIRITUAL JOURNEY?

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: PLEASE SHARE ANYTHING ELSE YOU WOULD LIKE THE BISHOP AND THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY TO KNOW REGARDING YOUR DECISION TO DISCERN A CALL TO THE MINISTRY OF PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL.

NOTE: With this application, the applicant should include:

1. A brief letter from the applicant describing the applicant's call to lay preaching.
2. An updated **Spiritual Autobiography** (a statement on the steps leading to your decision to seek this license). Please discuss the key people, places, and events that significantly impacted your decision.
3. A letter of nomination from the sponsoring priest.
4. A letter of endorsement from the applicant's vestry or mission committee.
5. A brief description of the applicant's prior theological education or ministry experience.
6. Safe Church certification status.
7. A recent **photograph**, at least 2 ½" x 3 ½".

Dated this the _____ day of _____, 20_____.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

SECTION 2 – TO BE COMPLETED BY THE APPLICANT’S CLERGY SPONSOR

SUPPORT: IN YOUR OPINION, HOW DOES THE APPLICANT PLAN TO SUPPORT SELF AND FAMILY WHILE INVOLVED IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND FORMATION?

HEALTH: HOW WOULD YOU EVALUATE THE PRESENT SPIRITUAL, MENTAL, AND PHYSICAL HEALTH OF THE APPLICANT?

	SPIRITUAL	MENTAL	PHYSICAL
GOOD	☐	☐	☐
AVERAGE	☐	☐	☐
FAIR	☐	☐	☐
POOR	☐	☐	☐
CANNOT SAY	☐	☐	☐

RATING: HOW DO YOU RATE THE APPLICANT’S QUALIFICATIONS AND CALL FOR PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL?

☐ EXCELLENT ☐ GOOD ☐ AVERAGE ☐ FAIR ☐ POOR

COMMENTS: PLEASE INCLUDE ANY COMMENTS OR ANY OTHER INFORMATION YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE BISHOP AND THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY.

CLERGY SPONSOR

NAME

DATE

SIGNATURE

CHURCH

CITY