

Lay Preaching Initiative Application Information

Participants in the Lay Preaching Initiative (LPI) of the Diocese of Lexington are expected to commit to the two-year program. This program includes Biblical study and interpretation, the study of the craft of preaching, and opportunities to preach in class and receive feedback. The program will include in-person gatherings and individual study.

The leaders of the LPI, The Ven. Laurie Brock and Dr. Mark Medley, will evaluate each student and assess if she/he has successfully completed the curriculum and recommend to the bishop the student for licensure. Lay Preachers who are licensed by the diocese are expected to preach regularly in the Diocese of Lexington.

The cost of the class is \$300 per year, which includes the first-year textbooks. Classes will consist of in-person gatherings and Zoom meetings, as well as at-home work.

Applications and all supporting documents should be submitted via email to both Dr. Mark Medley and Mtr. Laurie Brock by Monday, February 28th. You will receive an email confirmation that your application and all supporting documents have been received.

Please contact the Rev. Laurie Brock at rector@saint-michaels.org or Dr. Mark Medley at mark.medley@bsk.edu if you have further questions.

Lay Preaching Initiative Application Questions

Full Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Preferred Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Faith Community in which you are currently an active member:

Name of Rector/Priest in Charge _____

1. Recalling a sermon or sermons you've heard that have stayed with you, what about that particular sermon impacted some aspect of your faith. Did it challenge an idea? Did it open the scripture to you in a new way? What did you think about as you heard the sermon? How do you feel now reflecting on it?

2. What intrigues you about exploring the ministry of preaching for you?

3. What is a movie or book you've experienced recently that you would recommend to others? Why would you recommend it?

4. Licensed Lay Preachers will be an important part of the preaching ministry of the Diocese of Lexington and are expected to preach regularly in congregations across the Diocese. This will involve weekend travel. Is there any information that we need to know that may shape this obligation (limits on mobility for congregations that are not accessible; caretaker for a parent and can't be away overnight, etc.)?

5. Attach* a letter of recommendation from the rector or priest-in-charge of your congregation, which includes the following:

- How long has the applicant been an active member of your church?
- What ministries has the applicant been a part of in your church?
- Why would you invite the applicant to preach in your pulpit?
- Why do you think the applicant is called to the ministry of lay preaching?

**The letter may also be emailed from the Rector or Priest-in-Charge to Dr. Medley and Mtr. Laurie from the clergyperson.*