

ALL LAY MINISTRIES WORKSHOP
Session Descriptions
September 18, 2010 Incarnation, Santa Rosa

Session 1 –Eucharistic Minister Development (EM): Discussion topics include the theological background for Eucharistic Ministers; licensing requirements; and practical aspects of these ministries. *Former license title Lay Eucharistic Minister (LEM).*

Session 2 – Catechist Licensing: This session will discuss licensing and the role of lay persons as Catechists. *Former License title Lay Catechist.*

Session 3 – Pastoral Care Training Courses: Compare the Community of Hope, Stephen Ministry, Pastoral Partners, and Care Team models of pastoral care ministry and training. Learn how caregivers are trained and minister in each model. Determine which models are suited to your congregation and pastoral care team.

Session 4 – Worship Leader Opportunities: A look at the wide range of services that Lay Readers can organize and lead. Become familiar with these opportunities and enrich your congregations worship life. *Former License title Lay Reader.*

Session 5 – Preaching #1: Rev. Dr. Linda Clader of CDSP, the Episcopal seminary in Berkeley, will discuss preaching basics for the new preacher and for those who wish to become preachers.

Session 6 – Spirituality and Aging: This workshop will explore a spirituality of aging which focuses on the aging process itself as the ordinary human process that God uses to bring us to God.

Session 7 – Eucharistic Visitor (EV) Development 1 (Mechanics): Discussion topics include the theological background for Eucharistic Visitors; licensing requirements; and practical aspects of these ministries. *Former License title Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV).*

Session 8 – Bibles: Bibles, Bibles, Everywhere! Which one is best for me?

Session 9 – Ministering to the Terminally Ill: This session, lead by the HIV Commission, will discuss issues of ministering to those with life threatening and terminal illnesses... drawn from the presenters' experience with HIV/AIDS.

Session 10 –Extemporaneous Prayer: What do you do when you don't have a prayer book handy or the occasion calls for something special? This session will discuss some answers to this question.

Session 11 –Preaching #2: The Rev. Dr. Linda Clader will discuss topics of interest to the experienced preacher.

Session 12 – Grateful, Glad and Giving—not just for now but FOREVER! This session will offer more tools to promote the Grateful, Glad and Giving spirit in your church, tools that can sustain vital ministries now and in the future. Come learn about gifts that keep on giving. Presented by the Episcopal Foundation of Northern California.

Session 13 – Eucharistic Visitor (EV) Development 2 (Pastoral Aspect): Broadening and deepening topics for those serving in this ministry. *Former License title was Lay Eucharistic Visitor (LEV).*

Session 14 – Episcopal Relief and Development: Discussion of many of the ways Episcopalians respond to human needs in times of crisis.

Session 15 – Starting a Prayer Shawl Ministry: A prayer shawl wraps its recipient in love and prayers, often through a difficult time in life. Session includes tips for organizing a group, prayers, and shawl blessings.

Session 16 –Total Ministry: Learn about the concept, processes, and curriculum used to revitalize congregations by developing and affirming the ministry of all baptized persons. Total Ministry is a clearly focused strategy for action and for encouraging a more widely participatory discernment of God's call to live out the promises of our baptismal Covenant. Presented by the Total Ministry Development Group together with members of Total Ministry congregations.

Session 17 – Lectors and Lectionaries: We will read from the lectern, give practical suggestions about voice projection, and discuss various ways to deliver the Word of the Lord. What are lectionaries and how are they structured and used? What is the difference between the Revised Common Lectionary and the BCP Lectionary? A review of church calendars.

Session 18 – Meditating on Scripture: Experience a quiet time with scripture, reading slowly and thoughtfully, reflecting and meditating, resting in God's love.