

The Diocese of London encourages the involvement and leadership of lay people in the ministry and mission of the church. .

NEXT STEPS

Talk it over with your vicar or chaplain, who can advise on next steps.

National resources for LLMs:
https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-life/vocations/explore-ministries/readers-and-lay-ministers

Diocese of London:
https://www.london.anglican.org/clergy-llm-support/licensed-lay-ministry/

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LICENSED LAY MINISTRY

LLMs are licensed, which means that they are given responsibility by the bishop, and they are accountable to him or her. As public representatives of the bishop, LLMs also represent the Church. As lay people, they are well-placed to offer ministry outside of the traditional confines of the church. As ministers, they serve the church and its people.

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Who might become a licensed lay minister

You feel God might be calling you to ministry of some kind

You are willing to step beyond the familiar in following Jesus

You are willing to work as part of a team.

Your gifts have been recognised by others in your church or community.

You are willing to study now and carry on learning in the future

You seek to connect God's word with what is happening in society.

People from all walks of life become LLMs, what matters is that God calls you to this ministry. The church will help you to discern this call. Discernment is a process and it will probably take time to discover the answer. If you can say yes to some of the following then this may be for you:

WHERE DOES LICENSED LAY MINISTRY TAKE PLACE?

LLMs minister in parishes, hospitals, schools, prisons and places of work, in communities and among families.
Each LLM also has a particular place where they are licensed, usually a parish, where they work in collaboration with the incumbent sna other lay leaders.



"God will challenge you more than you will challenge others."

WHAT IS THE TRAINING?

No-one is prevented from training on the grounds of cost. Candidates and sponsoring parishes are encouraged to consider contributing to the cost of training if they can, enabling the widest number to benefit from the training.

LLM MINSTRY MAY INVOLVE

- Teaching and helping people of all ages grow in faith or come to faith for the first time
- Offering pastoral care, taking Holy Communion to the house bound, conducting funerals
- Preaching and leading worship
- Engaging with the community in activities