

Worship Ministry
Lead of Lector/Lay Reader Guidelines
And Training Recommendations

These guidelines provide information to assist a parishioner to participate as a member of the Lector/Lay Reader Ministry in the Parish.

"The ministry of lay persons is to represent Christ and His Church; to bear witness to Him wherever they may be; and, according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church." (The Book of Common Prayer, page 855). From the Diocese Lay Reader Guidelines, which can be found on the Diocese website:

<http://www.thediocese.net/resources/administration/lay-leader-guidelines/>

STRUCTURE OF THE LECTOR/LAY READER

There is a Lector/Lay Reader lead appointed by the Rector.

All potential scriptures readers should have regular training. It is recommended that at least 3 times a year, the readers get together to refresh the responsibilities or train new volunteers.

Training of the readers includes:

1. Preparing and maintain written instructions for Old Testament lay readers
2. What are the physical action steps to going to the Lectern and leaving the Lectern
3. What are the physical action steps required to read the scriptures

The Lead of the Lector/Lay Reader:

1. Facilitates communication between the Rector and Vestry.
2. Recruits new members as needed through general and individual solicitation.
3. Instructs new members of the ministry and arranges for on-the-job training.
4. Prepares and maintains these guidelines and procedures on an annual basis, or as needed.
5. Maintains a current roster of all readers.
6. Schedules readers for regular and special services on a quarterly basis. These quarterly schedules are submitted to the Parish Administrator on the first of each month for the calendar quarters of March, June, Sept and December.
7. Prepares and submits notices for the Sunday bulletin pertaining to the Lector/Lay Reader Ministry.

Reference the Lector Guidelines for more information.

Reference the Lector Handbook for great advice on reading the scriptures.