

Taking Our Place

A Workshop for Laity Who Lead Worship

Sponsored by the Diocese of Southern Virginia

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, 855

Saturday, October 10, 2009

Johns Memorial Church, Farmville,

9 am - 3:30 pm

OR

Saturday, January 9, 2010

St. Paul's Church, Norfolk,

9 am - 3:30 pm

Do you know what a Eucharistic Minister is? Would you like to be one?

Are you intrigued by the ministry of Eucharistic Visitors who take communion to the sick and shut-in? Is that a ministry to which God might be calling you?

Are you a potential lector or intercessor who would like some help understanding what those ministries are and how you might do it?

Are you the Warden of a small congregation with people who would volunteer to help in worship, but you have no idea how to get them trained?

Are you a priest who would like to have help training the licensed ministers, lectors or intercessors in your congregation?

If so, ***Taking Our Place*** is offered for you.

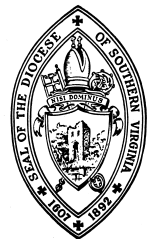
Sponsored by the Diocesan Commission on Ministry for Diocesan Formation, this Workshop is designed to provide easily accessible training for those lay persons whose ministry is exercised in the leadership of worship.

Lectors, intercessors, Eucharistic Ministers or Visitors, and Preachers, all are welcome.

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The Diocese of Southern Virginia

The Rt. Rev. Herman Hollerith, IV, Bishop



Taking Our Place
Diocesan Worship Ministries Workshop
St. Paul's Episcopal Church
201 St. Paul's Blvd
Norfolk, VA 23510



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In the worship of the church



Who are the Ministers of the Church?

According to the Outline of Faith in the 1979 Book of Common Prayer, the ministers of the church are laity, bishops, priests, and deacons.

And some of us are called to lead worship.

Are you? Are you called to be a lector, Eucharistic minister or visitor, intercessor, or worship leader? Have others suggested that you might be called to lead worship?

If so, **Taking Our Place** is for you.

This one-day workshop, sponsored by the Commission on Ministry for Diocesan Formation, is a training course for those who are new to leading worship, and a refresher course for those who are experienced in leading worship.

What can you expect at this workshop?

- Leading Worship using the Book of Common Prayer
- The Bible in Episcopal Worship
- Practical Liturgics (what you do)
- An extended session on Public Speaking in Leading Worship.

Our workshop leaders include laity, deacons, priests, and a retired drama and public speaking instructor.

Please feel free to copy this brochure and share it with others in your congregation.

What are Licensed Ministries?

From Title III, Canon 4, of the Constitution and Canons of the Episcopal Church:

A **Worship Leader** is a lay person who regularly leads public worship.

A **Eucharistic Minister** is a lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a Celebration of Holy Eucharist.

A **Eucharistic Visitor** is a lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements to members of the congregation who, by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration.

A **Preacher** is a lay person authorized to preach. (Further training for licensed lay Preachers is in development.)

The above four Ministries serve under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation.

The following ministries do not require a license but also serve under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation :

Lectors are persons who read the lessons and may lead the Psalm during worship.

Intercessors are persons who lead the Prayers of the People.

Note: Upon completing training, application to the Bishop for specific licenses is made by parish clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation, according to Diocesan licensing guidelines. *The signature of your clergy person or Warden is required on the registration form.*

Taking Our Place Registration Form

Your name

Your street address

City, state, and zip code

Your Parish and town

Your contact phone number and email

The signature of your clergy person or Warden is required

Signature of Member of Clergy or Warden

Which workshop will you attend?

- ___ Saturday, October 10, 2009, Johns Memorial Church in Farmville, 9 am - 3:30 pm (*deadline to register is Oct. 3*)
- ___ Saturday, January 9, 2010, St. Paul's Church in Norfolk, 9 am - 3:30 pm (*deadline to register is Jan. 2, 2010*)

Your all-inclusive cost is \$15. Please make your check payable to the "Diocese of Southern Virginia" and put "Ministries Workshop" on the note line.

Mail your completed registration form and check to:

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