



## LAY PREACHER TRAINING INITIATIVE

### DISCERNMENT MEETING

October 23 @ 6:30 p.m.

Register at [bit.ly/LPTInfo](https://bit.ly/LPTInfo)

### APPLY BY NOVEMBER 15

[bit.ly/LayPreaching](https://bit.ly/LayPreaching)

## One year of reading, writing and preaching to become a Licensed Lay Preacher

The Diocese of North Carolina was one of six dioceses selected in 2021 to participate in an Episcopal Preaching Foundation pilot program, the Lay Preacher Training Initiative (LPTI). The goal of the program is to develop a robust cadre of lay preachers drawn from within their local communities who can supplement ordained clergy in the pulpit. By training and supporting lay preachers in The Episcopal Church, the program aims to establish lay preaching and lay leadership as a fourth dimension of diocesan leadership in The Episcopal Church, alongside bishops, priests and deacons.

After a successful two-year pilot, the diocese is offering a new one-year cohort beginning January 2024.

We are looking for people who are comfortable speaking in public, thoughtful about their spirituality, prayerful and active in an Episcopal congregation. Participants should be organized and motivated to direct their own learning and willing to participate in the course. We value the beautiful diversity within our church and welcome people who bring these parts of their lives and experiences into the preaching environment.

Learn more at [episdionc.org/lay-preaching-initiative/](https://episdionc.org/lay-preaching-initiative/).