

## **CANON 27**

# **LICENSED LAY MINISTERS**

*Enacted 1994; Amended by Synod in 2019*

1. The Bishop may appoint and license qualified persons as licensed lay ministers.
2. A license granted by the Bishop may be removed by the Bishop at any time with or without cause or at the request of the incumbent.
3. The ministry of the Licensed Lay Minister is exercised under the direction and supervision of the incumbent or the priest in charge. Subsequent to the appointment of a new incumbent, the license becomes renewable upon the application of the succeeding incumbent.
4. The qualifications for the licensing of, the duties of, and other policies and procedures relating to licensed lay ministers and their office shall be as established from time to time by the Bishop with the advice of the Licensed Lay Ministers' Board of Standards and set forth in a Licensed Lay Ministers' Handbook of Standards and Regulations.
5. All references to Lay Readers in any other Canon shall be deemed to be changed to Licensed Lay Ministers.