

Suggestions for possible roles within Total Ministry August 2005

Some of these ministries require licensing in accordance with the Canons of the Episcopal Church. Others may be commissioned in accordance with the custom of The Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota. Two of these are ordained ministries. Not all of these ministries are needed in each place. It may be desirable to have more than one person engaged in the ministries identified as necessary for the congregation.

Worship Leader (a licensed minister): A lay person who regularly leads public worship under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight. (Formerly known as Lay Reader)

Preacher (may be lay or ordained, and is licensed): Preaches sermons, under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.

Eucharistic Minister (a licensed minister): A lay person authorized to administer the Consecrated Elements at a celebration of the Holy Eucharist, normally acting under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight. (Formerly known as Chalice Bearer.)

Eucharistic Visitor (a licensed minister): A lay person authorized to take the Consecrated Elements in a timely manner following a Celebration of the Holy Eucharist to members of the congregation, who by reason of illness or infirmity, were unable to be present at the Celebration. A Eucharistic Visitor should normally act under the direction of a Deacon, if any, or otherwise, the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.

Catechist (a licensed minister): A lay person authorized to prepare persons for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, functioning under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight.

Evangelist (a commissioned minister): May work with Pastoral Care coordinator to reach those whose attendance has decreased; may oversee calling on newcomers; may plan press releases to communicate with the community; may oversee plans for church growth. In the Episcopal Diocese of Minnesota, the team **must include** an evangelist.

Priest (an ordained minister): Presides at services such as Eucharist, Baptisms, Weddings, and Funerals.

Deacon (an ordained minister): Involved in the community to bring the concerns of the world to the congregation relating to peace and justice; assists at the Eucharist and other services; takes communion to shut-ins and hospitalized; oversees Eucharistic Visitors in taking communion to shut-ins and hospitalized; oversees Eucharistic Ministers.

Administrator (may be a commissioned minister): Tends to the administrative tasks that need to be done.

Coordinator (may be a commissioned minister): Coordinates team responsibilities among team members; may facilitate team meetings; may coordinate among team, vestry/bishop's committee, and Diocese.

Christian Education Coordinator (may be a commissioned minister): Coordinates Christian Education offerings for all ages: children, youth, adults, intergenerational. Provides resources/referrals for teacher workshops.

Youth Leader/Advisor (may be a commissioned minister): Oversees Jr. & Sr. High Activities; works with youth to plan for involvement in the life of the congregation. Is available as advisor and to make referrals for youth leaders.

Young Adult Ministry Leader (may be a commissioned minister): Encourages, supports, may convene or organize ministry with young adults (ages 18-35).

Pastoral Care Ministers (may be commissioned ministers): May visit shut-ins and/or parishioners in the hospital, or other parishioners as need arises.

Pastoral Care Coordinator (may be a commissioned minister): May oversee the visitation of shut-ins and provides communication to the Evangelist and Intercessor. May refer individuals to resources for various pastoral needs. Communicates with the team regarding the sick and shut-ins and notifies appropriate team members if someone desires communion.

Intercessor (may be a commissioned minister): May coordinate and oversee prayer chain and prayer lists for Sundays. May be available as spiritual friend/prayer partner; prays daily for team and congregation.

Liturgist (may be a commissioned minister): May chair the planning process for worship with priests, deacons, musicians and altar guild; may coordinate scheduling of worship leaders, lectors and acolytes.

Stewardship Coordinator (may be a commissioned minister): May work with team and Vestry/Bishop's Committee to educate members of the congregation about stewardship, and help plan annual stewardship events. May plan and coordinate the human and financial resources of the congregation or cluster in projects that address taking care of God's world. May bring awareness of outreach opportunities to the congregation.

Musician (may be a commissioned minister): Provides or arranges for music for worship services and other special events.

Parish Life Minister (may be a commissioned minister): May coordinate a variety of fellowship activities within the congregation or cluster, such as picnics, potluck meals, or other social events.