

## Sacraments Elder

The Pastoral Relations Committee of the Region is working toward enacting procedures to support the licensing of Sacrament Elders in communities of faith where there is a need. Those Communities of Faith who feel they have a need for a Sacrament Elder are encouraged to review the [handbook](#), Sacraments Elder and begin to consider who may be a suitable candidate from their Community of Faith.

It is important to remember that "Sacraments elders are licensed only to preside at sacraments in the pastoral charge where they are a member. The role is voluntary; in other words, there is no fee for service. Sacraments elders are not expected to lead the whole worship service, although they can participate in other parts of the service if they wish." Additionally, an individual who is a Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) will not be licensed to preside at the sacraments.

Early in the New Year, the Pastoral Relations Committee will offer two 2-hour online sessions (baptism and communion) for those who may be open to the possibility of serving as a Sacraments Elder for their Pastoral Charge. Participation in both sessions will be required for anyone considering serving as a Sacraments Elder.

Upon completion of the course, the Pastoral Charge, using a form that will be made available, will be able to request the licensing of an individual as a Sacraments Elder. Upon being licensed for the first time, each Sacraments Elder will be assigned a Mentor who will support the Elder and assist in the assessment of the individual for re-licensing.