



Iona School for Ministry

Lay Leadership and Licensing

Middlers, Lay Track

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Class Objectives

In this class students will:

1. Articulate the call to licensed lay ministry, as grounded In Christ, Spirit, and the Reign of God
2. Create a statement about the relationship between licensed/professional lay ministry and discipleship or baptismal ministry
3. Identify their own gifts as ministry leaders
4. Create a set of goals for their own further formation for lay ministry

Class Description

A sequel to the class on Baptismal Covenant and Lay Ministry, this class will shift the focus from the place of lay ministry within the orders to the role of lay leadership within lay ministry (sometimes distinguished by the term “discipleship”). Lecture, individual reflection, and collaborative exercises will be the basis for the work.

Class Schedule

I. Lay Ministry as vocation

Bible Study: 1 Corinthians 12:4-11 and Ephesians 4:4-16

Christ, the Spirit, and the Reign of God

Lay Ministers as Leaders, Licensed, and Church Professionals

II. Lay Ministry and discipleship

Seven aspects of life of a Disciple

Corresponding call to Ministry of leadership

III. Charisms for Call

Universal gifts and charisms; general and particular ministry

View from the Diocese of North Carolina

IV. Lay Ministry in context

“Building up of the community”: understanding the parish context

Bivocational parishes

Shared ministry in large churches

V. Formation for Licensing and Leadership: TEAC

RECOMMENDED READING

- Cahalan, Kathleen A. *Introducing the Practice of Ministry*. Liturgical Press, 2010. (Much of the organization of this class is based on this book, although the author's terminology and Catholic assumptions about parish organization have been adapted.)
- Doyle, C. Andrew, *Vocātiō: Imaging a Visible Church*. Church Publishing, 2018.
- Edington, Mark D. W. *Bivocational: Returning to the Roots of Ministry*. Church Publishing, 2018.
- Kujawa-Holbrook, Sheryl A., and Fredrica Harris Thompsett, *Born of Water, Born of Spirit: Supporting the Ministry of the Baptized in Small Congregations*. Alban Institute, 2010.