



IONA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

Lay Track Description and Application

Application due July 1st, 2022

The Iona School for Ministry offers several courses of study for the lay leader who wishes to enhance their spiritual formation and make a deeper commitment to the mission of the church. Each of the three programs are held at Camp Allen.

1. The Lay Theological Studies (Immersion Track)

This is a 3-year (6 semesters) program that prepares lay leaders for ministry in missional communities, and or assisting local parishes through preaching, teaching and ministry formation. It also provides a significant theological foundation for persons called to work as lay professionals in the church. All courses are taken at the Iona School for Ministry. Successful completion of the program qualifies graduates, on the recommendation of their rector and approval of the bishop, to be licensed as lay preacher, worship leader, lay evangelist and catechist.

This track consists of 10 sessions, each held once a month from September through June, for three years. Sessions begin Friday evening and end Sunday lunch. Tuition is \$2600* a year and includes hotel accommodations for two nights, meals, snacks, student notebook, theological study guides, liturgical supplies and more.

2. The Lay Preacher Track

This program requires 1 and one-half years (3 semesters) of study at the Iona School for Ministry. The courses focus on theological studies, liturgy, and homiletics. Successful completion of the program qualifies graduates, on the recommendation of their rector and approval of the bishop, to be licensed as lay preacher.

This track consists of 15 sessions total, each held once a month. The first 10 sessions (two semesters), run from September through June. The third semester runs from September through January. Each session begins Friday evening and ends with Sunday lunch. Tuition is \$1300* a semester, \$3900* total, and includes hotel accommodations for two nights, meals, snacks, student notebook, theological study guides, liturgical supplies and more.

3. The Worship Leader Track

This is a 1 year (2 semesters) of study at the Iona School for Ministry. The courses focus on theological studies, church history, and worship/liturgy planning. Successful completion of the program qualifies graduates, on the recommendation of their rector and approval of the bishop, to be licensed as worship leader.

This track consists of 10 sessions total, each held once a month. The sessions run from September through June with each beginning Friday evening and ending with Sunday lunch. Tuition is \$2600* and includes hotel accommodations for two nights, meals, snacks, student notebook, theological study guides, liturgical supplies and more.

4. Missional Developer Formation

This 1-year track provides practical and theological ministry courses, along with, fieldwork supervision and reflection for those leading missional efforts out of Episcopal congregations. This is done by offering the core competencies for starting and leading missional communities, as well as, requiring fieldwork so that students learn through experience. This track would provide the license of evangelist, in accordance with Canon III.4.9 of the Episcopal Church. This track is designed to support those already leading missional communities yet desiring more formal training or official authorization of the Church. It will additionally provide formation for those hoping to start missional expressions yet feel unprepared.



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Admission Requirements for Lay Track Programs

To be considered for admission for the 2022-2023 academic year the requirements listed below must be received by the Iona School office no later than **July 1st, 2022**.

- Completed application form
- Letter of approval from rector or Head of Congregation
- Spiritual Autobiography
- Current Resume (not a Curriculum Vitae)
- Financial Aid Application, if needed*

The Iona School Administrator, Laura McAlister, will contact you regarding the status of your application no later than July 1st, 2022.

To ensure that students are provided with the best learning and development opportunity at least two students are required for any lay track. Should this minimum not be met by the assigned deadline we may elect to cancel the lay track. Prospective students who have submitted their application package will be contacted individually if the course is cancelled.

**Application for financial assistance, please email Iona Admin, Laura McAlister at lmcalister@epicenter.org*



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Curriculum Overview for Lay Ministry

- The theological curriculum for the Lay Theological Track is a full three years.
- The theological curriculum for the Lay Preacher Track is for three semesters, covering the Old and New Testaments and Ancient & Medieval History.
- The theological curriculum for the Lay Worship Leader is for two semesters, covering the Old and New Testament.

SATURDAY SCHEDULE*

Year One	Year Two	Year Three
1 st Semester	3 rd Semester	5 th Semester
OLD TESTAMENT	ANCIENT & MEDIEVAL HISTORY	THEOLOGY
Criticism, Sources, History of Ancient Near East	The Early Church	Doctrines of God and Christ
Pentateuch	The Imperial Church	Nature and the Basis of Salvation
Historical Books	The Medieval Church I	Trinity, Anthropology and Sin & Grace
Prophetic Books and Ministry	The Medieval Church II	Church & Sacraments
The Writings	Continental Reformation	Theology on the Outside

2 nd Semester	4 th Semester	6 th Semester
NEW TESTAMENT	CHURCH HISTORY	ETHICS & MORAL THEOLOGY
Historical Context; Mark	English Reformation	Narrative and Choices
Gospels of Matthew, Luke and Acts of the Apostles	The 18 th & 19 th Century English Church	Charity and Prudence
The Gospel of John	Christianity in the Modern World	The Other Cardinal Virtues
Paul & 'Deutero-Paul'	The American Episcopal Church	Living Eschatologically
The Canon, The Concluding Letters, Revelation	Overview of Theology, Ethics, & Apologetics	Contemporary Society



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Lay Track Application

Complete and submit your application electronically as a Word document or PDF to Laura McAlister, lmcalister@epicenter.org, no later than July 1st 2022.

Part I

Place an X in the box next to the Lay Formation Track that you are applying for.

- Lay Theological Studies (3 years, Immersion Track)
- Lay Preacher Formation (3 semesters)
- Worship Leader Formation (2 semesters)
- Missional Developer Formation (2 semesters)

Preferred Title:	Go By Name:	Gender:
<i>(Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr., etc.)</i>	<i>(The name you prefer to be called)</i>	<i>(Male or Female)</i>
First Name:		
Last Name:		
Mailing Address:		
	<i>City</i>	<i>Zip</i>
Phone Numbers:	Home:	Spouse: <i>(if applicable)</i>
	Work:	
	Cell:	
		<i>First Name</i> <i>Last Name</i>
Preferred Email:		
Church Name & City:		
How long have you been with this congregation?		Date of Baptism:
Name of Rector/HoC:		
List any significant theological studies such as EFM, Bethel, FIND, etc. that are not included on your resume.		

Part II

On the next page, or in your return email, answer the following questions in detail.

1. What has motivated you to enroll in the Iona School for Ministry?
2. What leadership experience have you had with the church?
3. What experience(s) have you had with ministry or spiritual leadership outside of the church?