



IONA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

Lay Leader Formation at Iona School for Ministry

Application due August 1st, 2024

The Iona School for Ministry offers comprehensive formation for persons serving in or called to lay ministries. If you hope to strengthen your service to Christ in the Church and in the world, Iona's programs may be right for you. Lay formation may be taken in one-year increments. The three tracks together make up the Lay Theological Formation track. (The Iona School also offers formation for bi-vocational priests and deacons. More info at ionaschool.com.)

General Information

Each track consists of 10 weekend sessions taught in community at Camp Allen, one weekend (Fri. evening – Sunday lunch) each month from September to June. Reading and field work takes place at home between the weekends. Tuition for Diocese of Texas members is \$3,000 per year and includes hotel accommodations for two nights, meals, snacks, student notebook, and theological study guides. This does not include travel or textbooks. Scholarships are available.

For those intending to take all three tracks, the Deans recommend starting with Preacher, moving to Worship Leader, and finally to Missional Developer. Those who complete the three-year program may apply for licenses as Pastoral Leader and/or Catechist.

Find more information at ionaschool.com or contact Iona School Administrator at lmcalister@epicenter.org.

1. Lay Preacher Track

Is God calling you to join the chorus of voices proclaiming the Good News in your own generation? The classes for this program focus on Biblical studies and preaching, with additional courses in cultural competency and the Anglican tradition. Successful completion of the program qualifies participants, on the recommendation of their rectors and approval of the bishop, to be licensed lay preachers.

2. Lay Worship Leader Track

Is God calling you to take a place of lay leadership in the Church's worship life? The courses focus on church history, the Book of Common Prayer, and worship/liturgy planning, and includes required field work focused on leading worship. Successful completion of the program qualifies participants, on the recommendation of their rectors and approval of the bishop, to be licensed Worship Leader.

3. Lay Missional Developer Track

Is God calling you to start or sustain a missional community ministry or help your congregation engage more deeply with God's mission in the world? The Missional Developer track offers classes on the core competencies for starting and leading missional communities. Courses include theology/ethics, applied apologetics, practical courses on leadership. Courses in leadership will include community engagement and developing others to lead. Successful completion of the program qualifies participants, on the recommendation of their rectors and approval of the bishop, to be licensed Evangelists.

Prerequisite: Either the Lay Preacher or Lay Worship leader track.



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Admission Requirements for Lay Track Programs

To be considered for admission for the 2024-2025 academic year the requirements listed below must be received by the Iona School office no later than **August 1st, 2024**.

- Completed application form
- Letter of approval from rector or Head of Congregation
- Spiritual Autobiography
- Current Resume
- Financial Aid Application, if needed*

The Iona School Administrator, Laura McAlister, will contact you regarding the status of your application no later than August 15th, 2024.

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 canceled.

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



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Lay Track Application

Complete and submit your application electronically as a PDF to Laura McAlister, lmcalister@epicenter.org, no later than **August 1st, 2024**.

Please select which Lay Track you are applying to:

- Lay Preacher Formation (2 semesters)
- Worship Leader Formation (2 semesters)
- Missional Developer Formation (2 semesters)
- Lay Theological Studies* (6 semesters, 3 years)

**Lay Theological studies is an immersion track of all three lay tracks listed above combined*

Preferred Title:	Go By Name:	Gender:
<i>(Mr., Mrs., Ms., Dr., etc.)</i>	<i>(The name you prefer to be called)</i>	<i>(if applicable)</i>
First Name:		
Last Name:		
Mailing Address:		
	<i>City, State</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.		

