



IONA SCHOOL FOR MINISTRY

Lay Leader Formation at Iona School for Ministry

Application due July 1st, 2026

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 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.

Certificate of Preaching 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 minister of preaching.

Certificate of Worship 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 minister of worship.

Certificate of 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. Successful completion of the program qualifies participants, on the recommendation of their rectors and approval of the bishop, to be licensed minister of evangelism. (*Prerequisite: Preaching Track or Worship Track*)

New Certificate of Formation Track

Iona's new Formation track is a 10-month hybrid program consisting of weekly online classes with an instructor and 5 in-person weekend classes at Camp Allen. Each student will also be placed in a mentor group for the school year. Successful completion of the program qualifies participants, on the recommendation of their rectors and approval of the bishop, to be catechist licensed minister.



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Admission Requirements for Lay Track Programs

To be considered for admission for the 2026-2027 academic year the requirements listed below must be received by the Iona School office no later than **July 1st, 2026**.

- 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 July 31st, 2026.

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 **July 1st, 2026**.

Please select which Lay Track you are applying to:

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

**Lay Theological studies is an immersion track of all three lay tracks (Preacher, Worship, Missional) 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.		

Part II

Please answer the following questions in detail. Use a separate sheet of paper if needed.

1. Describe your call to lay ministry (and licensed ministry) that 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 church?
4. What, if any, discernment have you completed prior to applying for Iona. Please describe and include people you have met with or events you have participated in (e.g., Discovery Weekend, EFM, Forma).