

PARISH LAY MINISTER TRAINING RECORD

Name _____ Email _____

Church _____ Pastor _____

Use this training record to mark the date when each item has been completed. All sections must be completed before submitting for approval.

Part 1- Education

12 courses, 8 are required, 4 are your choice with Pastors approval.

- New Testament _____
- Old Testament _____
- Creeds and Confessions _____
- Christian Doctrine _____
- Worship _____
- Communicating the Gospel _____
- Ethics _____
- Social justice/inclusivity issues _____
- Elective name _____ Date _____
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Part 2- Practical experience

- Attend a PLM Table Talk with your supervising pastor. Date _____
- Attend a PLM retreat. Date _____
- Attend a Synod Assembly as a delegate or visitor. Date _____
- Compose prayers of the congregation for three worship services. Date _____
- Serve on a congregation committee for at least 1 year. Date _____
- Teach or co-teach a class session or forum discussion at least twice. This may involve a wide selection of types of classes, confirmation, SS, Bible study, New members, and so on. Date _____
- Serve in at least two different types of worship assistance during a service. This could include assisting minister, usher, lector, etc. Dates _____
- Plan and participate in at least one outreach event or program. Date _____

Complete five opportunities selected by your supervising Pastor and you that are suited to your unique gifts, needs, desires and goals. Examples include accompany the pastor on visits to the sick and/or shut ins, prepare the table for Eucharist, keep a spiritual journal, attend a spiritual retreat, write an article for your congregation's newsletter, attend a program that is relevant to your congregation's circumstances and interest.

For each opportunity write about your experience and date.

1. Date _____ Activity _____

2. Date _____ Activity _____

3. Date _____ Activity _____

4. Date _____ Activity _____

5. Date _____ Activity _____

Part 3- Book Discussion

Read 3 books and discuss with your supervising pastor.

See suggested list of reading below.

1. Let Your Life Speak by Parker Palmer – Date _____

2. Book- _____ Date _____

3. Book- _____ Date _____

Part 4- Quarterly Meetings

Each quarter meet with your supervising pastor to discuss parish life, your ministry experiences, and an assessment of the progress of your training program. Describe in a couple of sentences for each session.

First quarter:

Second quarter:

Third quarter:

Fourth quarter:

Fifth quarter:

Sixth quarter:

Seventh quarter:

Eighth quarter:

Part 5- Final wrap up once all requirements have been fulfilled.

- Candidate- Write and sign a short evaluation of the training program and your vision for the Parish Lay Ministry program.
- Supervising Pastor- Write and sign a short evaluation of the training program and the vision you have for your Parish Lay ministry candidate.
- Please send the PLM Training record and 2 evaluations to
PLM Chair- Darlene Kaiser, deaconchair@yahoo.com or
Mail to Florida Bahamas Synod SPD 3838 West Cypress Street Tampa, FL 33607

Keep in mind, this PLM meets quarterly. Once your application has been received, you will receive confirmation and or any questions/concerns. Once the committee approves your application you will be notified.