

## **Licensing Requirements**

### **Catechist**

*Commission on Ministry of the Diocese of Hawai'i*

A lay Catechist exercises a ministry of presence focused on education and formation. They are practitioners of preparation for persons to be baptized, confirmed, received, and renewed in the baptismal covenant. They are qualified and equipped to teach on the catechism and doctrine of the Episcopal tradition.

***A Catechist is a lay person authorized to prepare persons for Baptism, Confirmation, Reception, and the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows, and shall function under the direction of the Member of the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or other community of faith. (Title III, Canon 4, Sec. 8)***

#### **Skills**

- Demonstrates facility with approved Episcopal resources for teaching.
- Demonstrates strong communication skills.
- Demonstrates cultural awareness and appreciation for multi-culturalism in practice.
- Demonstrates competency in a variety of teaching methods, including lecture and facilitation.
- Exercises clear boundaries in role and demonstrates situational awareness and adaptability.
- Demonstrates the ability to tell his or her own faith story and be respectful of differing faith experiences.

#### **Pre-requisites**

1. The applicant must be a confirmed communicant in good standing of the Episcopal Church and in the congregation in which he/she will serve. The applicant must have the written endorsement of this ministry by the Clergy or other leader exercising oversight of the congregation or community of faith.
2. Complete Safe Church Training.
3. Complete a background check.
4. The applicant must complete education through the Waiolaihui'ia Center for Ministry, be recommended by the Dean for licensure, be interviewed and recommended by the Commission on Ministry, and approved for license by the Bishop.

#### **Policies**

1. Licensing in one congregation does not entitle the applicant to teach in another congregation of which he/she is not a communicant. This can be done with the permission of the Bishop and overseeing clergy of each congregation.
2. The Applicant must be at least 18 years of age.
3. This license is for non-stipendiary ministry.
4. Licenses are approved for 2 years and continued education is required to renew.

*Catechist Requirements (as of December 2022)*