

**CANON 27**  
**LAY READERS**

1. The Bishop may appoint and license qualified persons as lay readers.
2. A license granted by the Bishop may be removed by the Bishop at anytime with or without cause or at the request of the incumbent.
3. The ministry of the Lay Reader is exercised under the direction and supervision of the incumbent or the priest in charge. Subsequent to the appointment of a new incumbent, the license becomes renewable upon the application of the succeeding incumbent.
4. The qualifications for the licensing of, the duties of, and other policies and procedures relating to lay readers and their office shall be as established from time to time by the Bishop with the advice of the Ministries Committee and set forth in a Layreaders' Handbook of Standards and Regulations.