

6.1.7 Licensed Lay Worship Leaders

Many lay people are called to courageously step forward to give leadership in worship. Those who participate in a Licensed Lay Worship Leader (LLWL) program are choosing to develop their leadership gifts further. In the Licensed Lay Worship Leader program, the United Church has recognized a need for people to be supported through a training and licensing program. This gives both the lay leader and the congregation confidence that their leadership is built upon a strong theological and biblical foundation that is consistent with the ethos of the United Church. A Licensed Lay Worship Leader is a full member who has been determined to have gifts and a sense of call to the ministry of worship leadership and preaching, and who has developed these gifts through participation in a course of study and is licensed by a Regional Council. This policy guides the formation and participation of the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders within the Canadian Shield Regional Council.

6.1.7.1 Licensed Lay Worship Leaders (LLWL) Regional Council Resource and Support Committee

Canadian Shield Regional Council Pastoral Relations Commission will appoint a committee of six individuals, including two LLWLs to provide support, oversight, training, and licensing and re-licensing interviews for LLWLs. The Pastoral Relations Minister is the staff Support to this team.

Authority:

The Support Committee does not have decision-making authority to license or re-license LLWLs or to create policy regarding best practices. It must report its recommendations for decision-making to the Pastoral Relations Commission.

Tasks:

1. Maintain a current list of LLWLs and communicate such to the Communities of Faith within the Canadian Shield Regional Council.
2. Track that the requirements for mandatory training and police records check are being met.
3. Review the training opportunities for LLWLs and provide opportunities for training as needed, including continuing education.
4. Interview LLWLs and make recommendation regarding initial licensing.
5. Recommend and review annually a Remuneration Policy that is forwarded to the Pastoral Relations Commission for approval.
6. Encourage LLWLs to form a network for support and sharing resources.

(See CSRC Policy and Procedures Manual, Pastoral Relations Commission Policy section, for more details on LLWL Policy)