**Lay Eucharistic Visitors**

Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs) extend the hospitality of the Sunday Eucharist to those who, because of illness or other limitations, are unable to be present with the gathered community. LEVs are invited to serve in this ministry by their rector, priest-in-charge, or in the absence of clergy, the person responsible for pastoral oversight in the congregation. If you feel called to serve as an LEV, contact your clergy or person charged with pastoral oversight, to let them know of your interest.

LEVs are licensed by the bishop and work under the direction of their parish clergy. You must be a confirmed communicant in good standing to apply to be an LEV.

Additional requirements to be licensed as an LEV:

1. Participate in a 1.5-hour virtual training provided by the Diocese. Upcoming trainings are listed on the [diocesan calendar](https://indydio.org/calendar/) and are announced in the diocesan newsletter.
2. Complete an [LEV Application](https://indydio.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Application-for-LEV-License-2-23.pdf) and have it signed by the rector & senior warden or clerk. (If there is no clergy person in your parish, the senior warden’s signature will suffice.) Send completed application to Janet Brinkworth, Executive Assistant to the Bishop, 125 Monument Circle, Indianapolis, IN 46204 or email to brinkworth@indydio.org
3. Read [A Manual for Eucharistic Visitors](https://www.churchpublishing.org/products/manualforeucharisticvisitors) by Beth Wickenberg Ely
4. Complete Praesidium/Safe Church Training within 2 months of the LEV virtual training class.

Contact your parish Safe Church coordinator to set up. The following modules are required:

a. Introduction and Theological Background

b. Organizational Rules & Polices

c. Healthy Boundaries

d. Inclusion

e. Duty to Report:  Mandated Reporter

 f. Pastoral Relationships

g. Safeguarding God's People:  Preventing Sexual Harassment for Workers

h. Abuse & Neglect

1. Request a background check through Praesidium by talking with your parish Safe Church coordinator. Once they have ordered it for you, [log in to Praesidium](https://www.praesidiumacademy.com/learn/sign_out?client=episcopal-diocese-of-indianapolis-int) to access the screening (under the “My Learning” tab) and provide your personal information and a digital signature that will initiate the screening. Contact Kelly Nickson (nickson@indydio.org) if you need the name of your parish’s Safe Church administrator or have other questions about background checks.

LEV licenses are issued for a 3-year period and are renewable with participation in the on-line training and renewal of all Safe Church requirements. Contact Mary Taflinger with any questions.

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