



Sacraments - Laity

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The Executive Minister shall not issue a license for sacraments that contravenes the polity and processes of The United Church of Canada, nor the policies set by The Pacific Mountain Regional Council Executive.

1. The Executive Minister shall not issue a license to someone who is not a full-member in good standing within The United Church of Canada.
2. The Executive Minister shall not license more than one lay person per Community of Faith.
3. The Executive Ministry shall not license a Sacramental Elder unless:
 - a. The proposed Sacramental Elder has successfully completed the Sacramental Elder Training with an approved mentor or supervisor.
 - b. A trained Community of Faith Supervisor has been appointed.
 - c. In successive years, the re-evaluation process has been completed.
4. The Executive Minister shall terminate a license for a Sacramental Elder upon the appointment or call of Ministry Personnel.
5. The Executive Minister shall not issue a license to a Designated Lay Minister (recognized or not) nor someone appointed as Candidate Supply unless:
 - a. The person has completed the appropriate United Church of Canada program of education (The Theology and Practice of the Sacraments in The United Church of Canada).
 - b. The application requesting the license has been submitted by the governing body of a Community of Faith, including a copy of the minuted motion.
 - c. The appropriate Regional Minister approves the request.
 - d. Any license issued will expire if the person is no longer a full-member of a Community of Faith within the Pacific Mountain Regional Council or when their appointment ends.
6. The Executive Minister shall not issue a license to a Designated Lay Minister (Recognized or un-Recognized) unless they are in an approved appointment.
7. The Executive Minister shall not issue a license to retired Designated Lay Ministers unless they are in an appointment.

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