

## The Process to become an Assembly Accredited Lay Preacher

- 1. The candidate approaches their minister/interim moderator to indicate they are interested in worship leading and/or lay preaching.
- 2. The candidate contacts the Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner.
- 3. The Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner sends out
- a) the application form;
- b) Minister's reference form (or IM or Elder);
- c) Church Meeting reference form;
- d) One other personal reference form;
- e) An outline of the process.
- 4. The Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner receives the application and additional paperwork. If all in order for AALP:
  - 4.1 The Lay Preaching commissioner sends the forms outlined in 3 for AALP to the Ministries Office for the candidate to be enrolled into the appropriate RCL;
  - 4.2 A DBS is sought through the local church and checked by the Ministries Office;
  - 4.3 The Synod offers a mentor arrange by the Synod Lay Preaching Commissioner/advocate to

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- 6.2 The Ministries office will check that the Disclosure certificate is in order and issue the Accreditation Certificate and badge to the Lay preaching Commissioner and the annual E&L training grant letter to the candidate;
- 6.3 The Lay Preaching Commissioner organises with the candidates and their minister/local church a Service of Accreditation. The service of Accreditation can be for a group of Lay Preachers.

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