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Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and Designated Lay Ministers

The Licensed Lay Worship Leadership program encourages members of the laity to share their gifts while meeting the vital need of congregations to gather for worship. Licensed Lay Worship Leaders have completed an educational program which provides resources and enhances their understanding of worship practices in The United Church of Canada, and have been recognized by the Lay Leadership Support Committee.

Designated Lay Ministers are laypersons, recognized by a Regional Council and accountable to the Office of Vocation. They have completed a training program, and have accepted a leadership role for defined periods of time, and for defined forms of service.

Communities of Faith are expected to remunerate Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and Designated Lay Ministers in accordance with the rate determined by the Lay Leadership Support Committee each year. It is to be noted that this rate is a minimum. When leading worship on a multi-point Pastoral Charge, it is expected that they would receive more the minimum rate, but not necessarily the full rate for each worship service. When leading worship in the Pastoral Charge where their membership is held, it is expected that Licensed Lay Worship Leaders will receive the same honorarium as any lay member of the Pastoral Charge.

In 2024, the Lay Leadership Support Committee decided to match the United Church minimum Supply rate, set at **$261.00** for 2026, plus travel and related expenses, for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders and Designated Lay Ministers. This is intended to cover preparation for and leadership of worship only.

Licensed Lay Worship Leaders: 2025/26

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Retired Designated Lay Ministers Available for Sunday Supply

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