

## LLWL Questionnaire for Pastoral Charge Supervisors - 2022

Living Skies Regional Council is responsible for the issuing of a licence to lay people who have met the standards of preparation and training to provide worship leadership. This is administered through the Committee on Lay Leadership Support who reviews background material and participates in interviews for both initial licensing and renewal. The policy governing the standards of practice was written in 2019 to encourage, honour and inform the members of the Laity as they share their gifts and express their faith while meeting the vital need of a community of faith to gather for worship. The following questionnaire is designed to evaluate the current policy and practice from your perspective as a pastoral charge supervisor.

### General data:

1. How often is worship leadership offered by **any** Licensed Lay Worship Leader in a year (on average) in the community of faith you supervise? **Monthly, twice a month, weekly?**
2. If worship leadership is not offered by a Licensed Lay Worship Leader, who offers it? **Retired minister from within community of faith, retired minister from another community of faith, member of community of faith, you (as pastoral charge supervisor), purchased service (like Rural Connect or Together We Worship), I don't know?**
3. How many different Licensed Lay Worship Leaders offer worship leadership in the community of faith you supervise? **0-5, 5-10, 10-15, more than 15, I don't know?**
4. What is the average weekly attendance in the community you supervise (if you supervise more than one, pick the average)? **0-5, 5-10, 10-15, 15-20, more than 20?**
5. Is the community of faith you supervise actively searching for a new minister? **Yes/ no**
6. If yes, is the open position for **full-time, part-time or either?**
7. If yes, how long has the search process been active? **0-6 months, 6-12 months, more than 12 months?**
8. Has the community of faith you supervise worshiped online in any of the following ways (select all that apply)? **Livestreamed worship through FaceBook Live, Livestreamed worship through Zoom, Livestreamed worship through YouTube, offered a recorded version of worship to members, participated in Rural Connect**
9. If yes, on a scale of 1-5, how would they describe that experience?

1

Positive

5

Challenging

Comments:

10. Is the community of faith able to access on-line services as an option for worship supply (either by streaming into the sanctuary for people to watch together or encouraging people to watch at home)? **Yes/ no**

Comments:

11. Is there a Licensed Lay Worship Leader who is a member of the community of faith you supervise? **Yes/ no**
12. To the best of your knowledge, how many Licensed Lay Worship Leaders live within 100 kms of the community of faith you supervise? **0-5, 5-10, 10-15, more than 15?** To the best of your knowledge, how many active ministry personnel live within 100 kms of the community of faith you supervise? **0-5, 5-10, 10-15, more than 15?**

Any other comments related to the questions above?

The following questions refer directly to aspects of the current policy, found [here](#).

**Preparation and Licensing:**

1. Are you familiar with the process of preparation and licensing required for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders in Living Skies Regional Council? **Yes/no**
2. Based on your assessment, are there particular areas of training that would further support worship leadership offered by Licensed Lay Worship Leaders?

Any other comments related to the preparation and licensing process?

**Ongoing support and Guidance:**

1. Does the LLWL receive regular feedback regarding worship leadership? **Yes/ no** If not, how would you suggest this be accomplished?
2. Licensed Lay Worship Leaders are restricted to 15 services/ year in any community of faith to avoid the complications of being perceived “as the minister”. On a scale of 1-5, does this restriction cause undue hardship for the community of faith you supervise?

1  
Not really

5  
Yes, very challenging

Comment:

3. If yes, how would you recommend addressing such hardship? (your comments might offer support/help to other communities of faith)
  
4. In general, are LLWLs paid the “visiting ministry personnel” rate as recommended in the policy (\$224 for 2022)? **Yes/ no/ I don’t know** If not, are they paid **above or below**?
  
5. If they are paid more than \$500/ year in the community of faith you supervise, are they issued a T4A as required by CRA? **Yes/ no/ I don’t know**
  
6. If others are offering worship leadership (retired minister from within or outside of the community of faith), are they paid the “visiting ministry personnel” rate? **Yes/ no/ I don’t know**

Any other comments regarding ongoing support and guidance?

**Other Considerations:**

1. Do you find Licensed Lay Worship Leaders are asked to provide pastoral care (either formally or informally) beyond what is ordinarily expected of everyone as a participant in a community of faith? **Yes/ no/ I don’t know**
  
2. Who offers funeral leadership in the community of faith you supervise? **LLWL, nearby minister (retired or active), other \_\_\_\_\_**

**Other comments:**

**Thank you for your feedback. We appreciate your time and consideration!**