

THE EPISCOPAL DIOCESE OF ARIZONA

Policies and Procedures

5. LICENSING OF CLERGY

Clergy must be licensed if they are functioning in any regular capacity in a parish. (A visiting cleric should obtain permission of the bishop before preaching or celebrating even on a one-time basis). There is a letter available from the Diocesan Office which describes the licensing process. It basically requires that such a person:

- a) be an ECUSA/ELCA priest/pastor in good standing with his or her bishop;
- b) will be serving under the invitation and direction of a local rector, vicar or priest-in-charge;
- c) will have a clearly defined function in the parish in which he or she will be serving;
- d) have completed the necessary misconduct prevention training and background checks.

Such a license is for one year and may be renewed. An annual report is required. To become canonically resident one needs to have been licensed for at least one year, be a full time resident of the State of Arizona, have Letters Dimissory received and complete several other additional steps. Guidelines for this process may be obtained from Canon Cathy Black.