

Pastoral Ministry: Eucharistic Visitor

Extending God's Table

The center of our Sunday worship is the common meal where the community takes Christ into their bodies, and then takes Christ in their bodies into the world.

Eucharistic Visitors carry the eucharistic elements directly from our Holy Eucharist to those of our parish who cannot be there in person and who request communion.

The inclusion of physically isolated members of our church family in the eucharist draws us all close.

EVs are trained and certified for this work. In The Episcopal Church, Eucharistic Visitors are [a licensed lay position](#). It is not merely a job; it is a service guided by the Holy Spirit, the church's ancient practice, and the desire of Christian peoples to be nourished for their life and work in the world. We visit in pairs, offer the readings and prayers, and distribute the consecrated bread and wine.

Serving as a Eucharistic Visitor

Requirements

- Background check: Contact Deborah (administrator@christchurchtacoma.org) or Matt Koski, mkoski@ecww.org, at the Diocese.
- Completion of Safe Church training
- Understanding of the "Two by two" visitation policy
- Attend training at Christ Church at least every other year.
- Have the approval of the Rector.
- A completed application submitted to the Diocese by the Pastoral Team.

Responsibilities

- Contact Deacon Donna or Ronn Johanson before Sunday Eucharist to let them a visit is scheduled.
- Attend the Sunday Eucharist, and receive the elements after the Eucharist and be sent out with the prayers of the community.
- Visit the member of the congregation preferably on the same day of the Celebration.

- Return the Eucharist Kit to the office so that it can be cleaned by the next Sunday.
- Share any pastoral concerns and updates with the Pastoral Care Team.