

Covenant for Lay Readers and Lectors

1/7/09

**As a sign of the Leadership and Responsibility vested in me by St. Andrews,
I commit to the following.**

1. I will consult the **Monthly Worship Minister Schedule** when it is issued and mark my personal calendar accordingly. I will take responsibility to procure a schedule if one does not arrive in the mail.
2. I will arrive 15 minutes before the worship service for which I am scheduled. I will **check in** with the Vestry Person of the Day (VPOD.) I will do an **audio check** with the microphone on when I arrive. If needed, I will place the **riser** by the podium so I do not need to do this during worship.
3. I will **get my own replacement** when I must be absent and **notify the Church Office** of my replacement by Wednesday. I will ask only a Lay Reader or Lector who is not scheduled that day to trade or take my place. I can notify Minister Scheduler when not to schedule me if I do so at least a month in advance. A roster of the Readers is on the St. Andrew's web page (www.standrewspearland.org)
4. I will participate in approximately 2 **Lay Reader and Lector Workshops** a year. A Lector is licensed to read in worship. A Lay Reader is licensed to lead worship.
5. I will **know the mechanics** of reading Scripture and the Prayers of the People, I will check the Worship Leaflet ahead of time for last minute changes and be alert to any special needs of the Rector. **This includes practicing my reading beforehand.** Readings are available on the St. Andrew's web page (www.standrewspearland.org)
6. I will help my fellow Lay Readers and Lectors and **respond boldly** to the Congregational responses in worship. **I will set an example.**
7. I will make a **regular time for God** in my week through ongoing education, Bible reading, prayer, regular Sunday worship (even when not scheduled,) and financially supporting the mission of St. Andrew's.
8. **If I find I cannot keep my Covenant**, I will discuss this with the Rector or Lay Reader Team Leader. I may leave the ministry at any time upon notification of the Lay Reader and Lector Team Leader or the Rector. If I have any unfinished, scheduled commitments, I will arrange for my substitute.
9. I can count on being loved, trained and supported by my Rector.

**"I will with God's Help"
I adopt these expectations as my own.**

Signed _____ Date _____

Print Name _____