

# Virginia Conference Licensing School May 26-June 2, 2026

Tues., May 26	Wed., May 27	Thurs., May 28	Fri., May 29	Sat., May 30	Sun., May 31	Mon., June 1	Tues., June 2
	7:15 a.m. Breakfast @ Hotel	7:15 a.m. Breakfast @ Hotel	7:15 a.m. Breakfast @ Hotel	7:15 a.m. Breakfast @ Hotel	8:00 a.m. Breakfast @ Hotel	7:15 a.m. Breakfast @ Hotel	7:15 a.m. Breakfast
	8:00-8:30 a.m. Student-led Worship (DMUMC)	8:00-8:30 a.m. Student-led Worship (DMUMC)	8:00-8:30 a.m. Student-led Worship (DMUMC)	8:00-8:30 a.m. Student-led Worship (DMUMC)		8:00-8:30 a.m. Student-led Worship (DMUMC)	8:00-8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer (DMUMC)
	8:30AM-10:00 AM <b>So You're a Pastor, Now What?</b> Rev. Laura Stratton	8:30-10:00 am <b>Preaching Practice Groups</b>	8:30-10:00 a.m. <b>Sacraments</b> Rev. Lauren Lobenhofer	8:30-10:00 a.m. <b>Stewardship</b> Rev. John Obeng	9:10 Depart for Worship at a local Church	8:30-10:00 am <b>Full time: Pensions &amp; Health Benefits</b> <b>Part time: Clergy Finances</b>	8:30-10:00 a.m. Workshops I
9:00 a.m. <b>Registration</b> in Chapel	10:00-10:30 a.m. Break	10:00-10:30 a.m. Break	10:00-10:30 a.m. Break	10:00-10:30 a.m. Break	10:45 a.m. Return to Campus	10:00-10:30 a.m. Break	10:00-10:30 a.m. Break
10:30 a.m. <b>Welcome &amp; Orientation</b> Rev. Brian Johnson and Rev. Jason Stanley	10:30- 12:00 p.m. <b>Theology</b> Rev. Drew Colby and Rev. Matt Benton	10:30-12:00 p.m. <b>Preaching Practice Groups</b>	10:30-12:00 p.m. <b>Sacraments</b> continued	10:30-12:00 p.m. <b>Clergy Ethics</b> Rev. Doug Forrester	Break	10:30-12:00 p.m. <b>Full Time: Clergy Finances</b> <b>Part time: Pensions &amp; Health Benefits</b>	10:30-12:00 p.m. Workshops II
12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch	12:00 Lunch
1:00-2:30 PM <b>Public Worship</b> Rev. Grace Han	1:00-3:00 pm <b>Theology</b> continued	1:00-2:30 p.m. <b>The Art of Preaching</b> Rev. Brent Levy	1:00-2:30 p.m. <b>Weddings &amp; Funerals</b> Rev. Dan Kim	1:00-2:30 p.m. <b>Clergy Ethics</b> continued	1:00- 3:00 pm <b>Digital Ministry</b> Kim Johnson	1:00-2:30 p.m. <b>Church Leadership</b> Rev. Owen Taylor	1:00-3:15 p.m. <b>Licensing School Exam</b> (Open notebook, not open neighbor!)
2:30-3:30 p.m. Break	3:00-3:30 p.m. Break	2:30-3:00 p.m. Break	2:30-3:30 p.m. Break	2:30-3:30 p.m. Break	3:00-3:30 p.m. Break	2:30-3:00 p.m. Break	<b>Depart at 3:30 p.m.</b>
3:30-5:30 p.m. <b>Public Worship</b> continued	3:30-5:30 pm <b>Introduction to the Bible</b> Rev. Gennie Bowles	3:00-5:30 p.m. <b>The Art of Preaching</b> (cont.)	3:30-5:30 p.m. <b>Weddings &amp; Funerals</b> continued	3:30-5:30 p.m. <b>Pastoral Care</b> Rev. Bert Cloud	3:30-5:30 pm <b>How to Connect with Neighbors</b> Kim Johnson	3:00-4:00 p.m. <b>Introduction to Cultural Competency</b> Rev. Lan Davis Wilson	
						4:15-5:30 p.m. <b>Connectional Polity</b> Rev. Lindsey Baynham Freeman	
5:30 p.m. Dinner	5:30 P.M. Dinner	5:30 p.m. Dinner	5:30 p.m. Dinner	5:30 p.m. Dinner	5:30 p.m. Dinner	5:30 p.m. Dinner with Martha Stokes	
6:15-7:00 p.m. <b>Worship</b> (DMUMC) Rev. Matt Benton	6:30 pm <b>The First Year of Ministry Panel</b>	6:45-8:00 p.m. <b>Church Administration</b> Rev. Beth Givens		6:30-7:30 p.m. <b>Provisional Journey &amp; Journey Ahead for Local Pastors</b>	6:30-8:00 p.m. <b>Intentional Congregational Prayer</b> Rev. Jason Stanley	7:30 p.m. <b>Closing Worship</b>	
7:15-8:00 p.m. <b>Worship Design Groups</b>							

**Online Courses (Must be completed before arrival on May 26):**

- *United Methodist Tradition*
- *Preaching*
- *Spiritual Formation*
- *Educational Ministries*
- *Pastoral Care*
- *Mission & Evangelism*
- *Clergy Ethics and Mandatory Reporter Training (Due Date: June 1)*

**Exemption from Pre-work:**

- Students may, on permission, be exempted from certain online courses (United Methodist Tradition, Education, and Mission/Evangelism) if they have taken equivalent seminary courses.

**Licensing School Design Team Members Presence at Licensing School:**

**First Year in Ministry Panel Participants:**

Emilee Ogden  
Becca Leathers  
Ruth Perry  
Victor Drummond