



LPLI, the Lewis Pastoral Leadership Inventory, is an online leadership assessment inventory offered by the Lewis Center for Church Leadership of Wesley Theological Seminary.

LPLI is designed to provide leaders with the opportunity to assess their effectiveness and gather feedback from others with whom they work. In developing LPLI, the Lewis Center analyzed the descriptions of effectiveness developed independently by many church bodies, seeking to identify the most common elements. This analysis pointed to three broad categories that capture the elements of religious leadership effectiveness:

- Character Who a leader is
- Competency What a leader knows and does in the diverse areas of their leadership
- Contribution What a leader accomplishes to advance the mission

LPLI Bishop is designed specifically for episcopal leaders and covers 75 indicators of effectiveness drawn from competencies identified in the *Discipline* as well as others named as important by jurisdictional committees on episcopacy. This 360° instrument combines the bishop's self-appraisal with the feedback of observers who are familiar with the bishop's work. The bishop and multiple observers are asked to complete online assessments.

When the process is complete, the bishop receives a personalized leadership profile summarizing how they see their strengths or weaknesses and how they are seen by observers. This type of feedback is very important to a leader's growth and development. Individual observer responses are tallied with those of other observers. The personalized leadership profile will indicate the average response to each leadership indicator, but the bishop will not know how a particular observer responded. The online assessments should take no longer than 30 minutes to complete.



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