

CERTIFIED LAY SERVANTS

The certified lay servant serves the local church or charge (or beyond the local church or charge) in ways in which his or her witness, leadership, and service inspires others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship.

- ▶ Provide leadership, assistance, and support to the program emphases of the church or other United Methodist ministry
- ▶ Lead meetings for prayer, training, study, and discussion when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.
- ▶ Conduct, or assist in conducting, services of worship, preach the Word, or give addresses when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.
- ▶ Work with appropriate committees and teams which provide congregational and community leadership or foster caring ministries.
- ▶ Assist in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion upon request by a pastor.
- ▶ Teach the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Requirements for Certification:

- ▶ Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- ▶ Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course
- ▶ Lay Servant Ministries advanced course
- ▶ District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure (§668.3) approval

Requirements for Renewal:

- ▶ Annual report and renewal application
- ▶ Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- ▶ Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years
- ▶ District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure (§668.3) approval

CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKERS

A certified lay speaker is a certified lay servant whose call has been affirmed by the **Conference** Committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure to serve the church in pulpit supply in accordance and compliance with ¶341.1 (2016 *Discipline*).

The certified lay speaker serves by preaching the Word when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or Committee on Lay Servant Ministries, in accordance and compliance with ¶341.1.

Requirements for Certification:

- ▶ Certified Lay Servant
- ▶ Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- ▶ Completion of a track of study as defined in ¶267.3.c:
 - Leading Worship
 - Leading Prayer
 - Discovering Spiritual Gifts
 - Preaching
 - United Methodist Heritage
 - United Methodist Polity
 - and/or other courses as determined by the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries
- ▶ **Conference** Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries

Requirements for Renewal:

- ▶ Annual report and renewal application
- ▶ Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- ▶ Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years
- ▶ **Conference** Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval every three years after interview with and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries



Butler District School of Lay Servant Ministries

Three Saturdays:
October 15, 22, 29, 2022
9:00am – 1:00 pm

HARMONY ZELIENOPE
123 North Pittsburgh Street
Zelienople PA 16063

ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED

\$35.00 before **Wednesday, September 29, 2022**

Make checks payable to **Butler District**. *Please include the registrant's name and church on the check memo line.* Enclose payment with registration and send to:
Ruth Crotzler, Registrar
66 Almira Street.
Valencia, PA 16059

LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

For more information, call or e-mail

Contact our Co-Directors:
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Fall 2022 Butler District
SCHOOL OF LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

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Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-Mail _____

Church _____

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Pastor's signature is REQUIRED

Choose One Course:

- Basic Course: Lay Servant Ministries**
- Leading Worship:** Worshiping w/United Methodists
- Living Our Beliefs:** Heritage

I am taking this course:

- for self-enrichment
- to become or remain a Certified Lay Speaker
- to become or remain a Certified Lay Servant

FALL COURSE OFFERINGS

The Basic Course

Susan Keppen And Rev Jan Davis

This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way

Rev. Dave Willson

Explore a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church as defined in Part II of *The Book of Discipline*. Uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as you embrace the United Methodist way.

"Beliefs are to be lived; doctrine is to be practiced," writes Carder in this updated edition of his 1996 bestseller. "The authenticity of beliefs lie in their ability to shape people and communities into the image of Christ and to promote holiness and happiness. ...The important test of the validity of doctrines and beliefs for United Methodists is the kind of character they produce in individuals and communities and the actions they inspire in the world."

Living Our Beliefs is essential reading for new members, confirmation classes and small group studies.

Worshiping with United Methodists

Rev. Bill Lavalle

This course focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship.

Drawing upon five basic principles, the author explains the formative nature of worship and how it can revitalize persons' lives. These principles are: God's Word is primary; active congregational participation is crucial; spontaneity and order are both important; worship should be relevant and inclusive; and worship is communion. This revision will highlight the African-American contribution to UM worship, discuss at greater length what the various worship styles mean for us today, say more about the formative nature of worship.

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