

What is Lay Servant Ministry?

Lay servant ministry is a United Methodist method for lay leadership development. These courses are designed to help people develop their skills in leadership, communication, and care-giving. They also increase opportunities to be in ministry with others.

The school is not just for those looking to preach. Lay Servant Ministries strives to help disciples become aware of their particular gift or gifts by offering educational events to enhance and develop these talents. It is an excellent vehicle for anyone to develop servant ministry skills.

Certified Lay Servant: Serves in the local congregation and beyond

Requirements:

- 1) Pastor and charge conference approval
- 2) Complete the Basic Course in LSM
- 3) Complete an advanced course
- 4) Request recognition of the position via the Lay Servant's annual report
- 5) Take a refresher or advanced course every 3 years

Certified Lay Speaker: Lay Servants who are certified to speak from the pulpit

Requirements:

Meet all the requirements for certified lay servant. Must interview to (re)certify with the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries every 3 years and complete one course from each of the following subject categories:

- 1) Discovering Spiritual Gifts
- 2) Leading Prayer
- 3) Preaching
- 4) United Methodist Heritage
- 5) Leading Worship
- 6) United Methodist Polity

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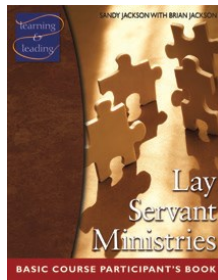
Pittsburgh District Lay Servant Ministries School Fall 2022

Lay Servant Ministries is a program to provide training opportunities and experiences to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to realize and respond to their personal call to ministry. Since each disciple is 'gifted' with one or more spiritual gifts (skills given by the Holy Spirit for the express purpose of serving the body of believers and thereby God), Lay Servant Ministries strives to help disciples become aware of their particular gift or gifts by offering educational events to enhance and develop the skill level necessary for the full fruition of these gifts. It is an excellent vehicle for servant ministry skill development and has aided thousands of church members to be better servants of Jesus Christ, to become stronger church family leaders, and to more capably assist their pastors.

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- ◆ Classes are open to everyone, not just Lay Servants.
 - ◆ The Book of Discipline (§251) urges Church Lay Leaders to become Certified Lay Servants.
 - ◆ Class dates and times depend on the class; check the dates & times for your course carefully.
 - ◆ The cost per class is \$15 plus you need to purchase the book required for your class. If you need financial assistance, please contact your church or the Pittsburgh District Office.
 - ◆ Please register and pay no later than 1 week before your class begins. Be sure to order and receive your course book so you begin reading it prior to attending class.
 - ◆ All Pittsburgh District Certified Lay Servants & Certified Lay Speakers must take a class by December 31 to maintain your status, unless you've taken a class in the last 3 years and documentation submitted to the district office .

The BASIC Course

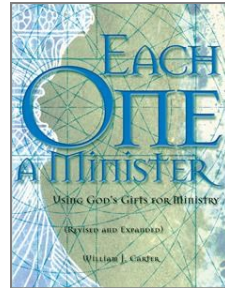
Instructor: Rev. Matt Price
Location: Coraopolis UMC or on Zoom (Your Choice)
Text: *Lay Servant Ministries, Basic Course Participant's Book* by Sandra Jackson and Brian Jackson (the District Office has 3 books available for \$9 each)
When: Saturdays, 9/24 & 10/8, 9 am - 2:30 pm (bring lunch)



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.

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

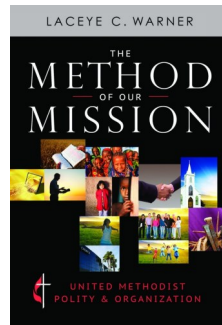
Instructor: Rev. Joshua Demi
Location: Coraopolis UMC or on Zoom (Your Choice)
Text: *Each One a Minister: Using God's Gifts for Ministry* by William J. Carter
When: Saturdays, 10/15, 10/29 & 11/12, 1 - 4:30 pm



This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (UM Polity)

Instructor: Rev. Dennis Lawton
Location: Coraopolis UMC (in person only)
Text: *The Method of Our Mission: United Methodist Polity & Organization* by Lacey C. Warner
When: Sundays, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 & 10/30
 2 - 5:30 pm



This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church.

FALL 2022 PITTSBURGH DISTRICT LAY SERVANT MINISTRY CLASSES

You are welcome to register for more than one class. Register at least 1 week prior to the start of your class at wpaumc.org/pittsburghdistrictnews or by using this form.

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Your Church: _____

Your District: _____

Choose Your Course(s):

- The BASIC Course (Saturdays, 9/24 and 10/8, 9 am - 2:30 pm)
- Spiritual Gifts (Saturdays, 10/15, 10/29 and 11/12, 1 - 4:30 pm)
- UM Polity (Sundays, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16 and 10/30, 2 - 5:30 pm)

I am taking this course:

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

Pastor's Signature: _____

Date: _____

YOUR PAYMENT SHOULD BE MAILED/POST MARKED NO LATER THAN ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE START OF YOUR CLASS

Checks should be made payable to: "Pittsburgh District" and mailed with your registration to:

Attn: Fall 2022 Lay Servant Ministries

Pittsburgh District Office

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