

2019 BALTIMORE REGION SCHOOL OF CHRISTIAN GROWTH

Baltimore Metropolitan and Suburban Districts

General Information for the 2019 Baltimore Region School of Christian Growth.

- **THESE CLASSES ARE NOT LIMITED TO LAY SERVANTS. THEY ARE FOR EVERYONE.**
- INTERESTED in becoming a Certified Lay Servant, please complete the application.
- REMINDER to Lay Servants - classes are not offered in the fall, so please do not miss this opportunity if you need to meet your 3-year requirement to remain in lay servant ministries.
- ASSIGNMENTS - Registrants will receive reading assignments and pre-course work prior to the first class. This work is required to be turned in to the instructor on the first day of class and will count toward the 10-hours.
- CANCELLATIONS – Baltimore Region may cancel a class for insufficient registrations and will give as much notice as possible for persons to register for another class or request a refund/credit.
- CERTIFICATES - Upon successful completion of the class, participants will need to email Darlynn McCrae at darmccrae@aol.com to request the Certificate of Completion and the name that should be printed on the certificate (which will be emailed). Please note: *the certificate is only for course completion and does not confirm lay servant status.*
- LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES - To become a certified lay servant, must complete the basic lay servant class and an approved advanced class during spring training.
- ONLINE REGISTRATIONS - Visit the Baltimore Region page at www.bwcumc.org to register for studies. If unable to register online, speak with the district administrator ... John Gauthier (Baltimore Suburban Administrator) at 410-290-7311 or email jgauthier@bwcumc.org.
- RECERTIFICATION – Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Speakers must complete approved studies every 3 years to remain in lay servant ministries. If not completed, the Certified Lay Servant will need to reenter lay servant ministries with the basic and an advanced class. Certified Lay Ministers must complete coursework every 2 years.
- TEXTBOOKS - **Order books early! Textbooks will not be available in class.** For your convenience, the Cokesbury ISBN number is provided following the title of the textbook. Visit the website at www.cokesbury.com or call 800-672-1789. **However, feel free to order from other book distributors such as Amazon.** All participants will need to have the required textbook to complete assignments and to bring to class.

IF UNABLE TO REGISTER ONLINE, speak with the district administrator ... John Gauthier (Baltimore Suburban Administrator) at 410-290-7311 or email jgauthier@bwcumc.org You can also complete this registration form and mail with payment to: Baltimore Region SOCG, Baltimore-Washington Conference, 11711 East Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759-2592. *Make check payable to BWC Treasurer and .note, BR SOCG.*

Please note: instructors cannot accept payments.

Last Name _____ First Name _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Church _____ District _____

Feel free to register for more than one class - **\$35 per course**

Location # _____ Study # _____ Title _____

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Remember, these classes are for everyone – however . . .

Are you a certified lay servant? _____ If yes, what is the last year that you completed a re-certification course? _____

Are you a certified lay minister? _____ If yes, what is the last year that you completed a re-certification course? _____

DESCRIPTIONS FOR STUDIES AND TEXTBOOK INFORMATION

STUDY #101: Basic Lay Servant.

Foundational course for lay servant ministries. TEXTBOOK: "Basic Lay Servant Ministries" - ISBN 13:9780881776263

STUDY #200: Leadership Essentials.

This resource will help men and women in the church find the tools, direction and inspiration they need to become the best leaders they can be. Leadership Essentials offers practical skills, worksheets, and practice exercises in areas including: Making Disciples; Building and Sustaining Teams; Meetings that Work; Developing Vision, Mission, and Values Statements; Effective Communication; Managing Conflict; and more. TEXTBOOK: "Leadership Essentials" - ISBN 13: 9780687335954

STUDY #207: Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders.

This course will guide lay servants seeking to be more empowered to lead their congregations toward vitality.

1. Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders Marc Brown, Kathy Merry, John Briggs Leader's Guide • DRPDF884 • (PDF Only)
2. Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders Marc Brown, Kathy Merry, John Briggs Participant's Book • DR881 • 978-08817-7881-6 • (Also available in Kindle and ePub versions.)

STUDY #307 - Lay Pastoral Care Giving.

This study will help participants improve their caring skills while learning how to care for others- whether the community of faith or the extended community? Overworked pastors will find personal respite in the use of caring gifts among the laity in the church. TEXTBOOK: "Lay Pastoral Care Giving" - ISBN-13: 9780881775549

STUDY #310: Serving In Church Visitation.

Training includes self-assessment and do's and don'ts for various special-needs situations in homes, hospital, or in a restaurant over a cup of coffee. The act of friendship is an inroad to hearts and lives that creates trust, value, and incredible potential for ministry. This study helps you to -Be Motivated. TEXTBOOK: "Serving in Church Visitation" - ISBN 13: 9780310241034

STUDY #400: Called to Preach.

This course is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. TEXTBOOK: "From Pew to Pulpit" – ISBN: 9780687066605

STUDY #420: Biblical Storytelling.

Biblical Storytelling is a spiritual discipline which entails the lively interpretation, animation, expression of a narrative text that has first been deeply internalized and then is "remembranced", embodied, breathed and voiced by a teller as a sacred act in community with an audience/ congregation. Participants will learn a Biblical story and have fun telling it; explore how Biblical storytelling reinvigorates worship and reimagines evangelism and; Get excited about telling Biblical stories in their ministry. TEXTBOOK: Handouts provided by the instructor.

STUDY #500: Prayer.

The author seeks to relieve the anxiety of inexperienced leaders of public prayer and the discomfort of those with and for whom they pray in this practical guide to the art of praying in public. This study includes reflections on the nature of prayer; the forms, mechanics, and vocabularies of prayer; and concrete exercises. TEXTBOOK: Let The Whole Church Say Amen! - ISBN 13: 9780687090778

STUDY #600: Spiritual Gifts (YOUTH).

This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry.

TEXTBOOK: "Each One a Minister" -ISBN 13:9780881773750

STUDY #602: Spiritual Gifts (ADULTS).

This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry.

TEXTBOOK: "Each One a Minister" -ISBN 13:9780881773750

STUDY #700: Worshiping United Methodists.

Focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation. TEXTBOOK: "Worshiping with United Methodists" - ISBN 13: 780687335268

STUDY #710: Contemporary Worship.

This study will help participants plan and lead contemporary worship services. Particular attention will be given to the interpretative reading of Scripture, congregational prayer, training lay worship leaders, and using Praise Bands. TEXTBOOK: Instructors will provide materials.

STUDY #800: United Methodist Heritage.

This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The UMC brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century. TEXTBOOK: "Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way" - ISBN 13: 9780881775716

STUDY #810: United Methodist Polity.

Participants will receive an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. In addition to the required textbook, a copy of the current Book of Discipline is recommended for this course. TEXTBOOK: "The Method of Our Mission" – ISBN 13: 9781426767180; TEXTBOOK: Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church Thomas Edward Frank Participant's Book • AB531 • 978-0-68733-531-2

STUDY #820: Social Principles.

Justice in Everyday Life takes an in-depth look at the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church—the church's attempt to speak on contemporary issues with which it is confronted. TEXTBOOK: "Justice in Everyday Life-A Look at the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church" - ISBN 13: 9780881776522

STUDY #900: Conflict Transformation.

Transforming conflict into a positive force is a spiritual pursuit and needs to be grounded in biblical principles: love of God, neighbor, self. TEXTBOOK: "The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation" - ISBN 13: 9780835810265

STUDY #930: Aging & Ministry in the 21st Century.

Practical guide for building ministry for older adults in Ministry with Boomers and Beyond. This affirms that the majority of older adults have plenty to give and the church needs to tap into their wisdom, energy, experience and talents. TEXTBOOK: "Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century" - ISBN 13: 9780881775402

MAKE YOUR SELECTIONS . . .

DATE	LOCATION	CLASS	TEACHER
NEW DATE: March 23, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Location 1 (Bus Line)</u> Essex UMC 524 Maryland Avenue, Essex, MD	STUDY #101 Basic Lay Servant	Ophelia Brown-Carter
NEW DATE: March 23, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Location 1 (Bus Line)</u> Essex UMC 524 Maryland Avenue, Essex, MD	STUDY #310 Serving in Church Visitation	Patrick Burk
2/2/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Location 2</u> Cokesbury UMC Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD	STUDY #500 Prayer	Barbara Dickson
2/2/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Location 2</u> Cokesbury UMC Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD	STUDY #820 Social Principles	Rev. Sara Elliott
2/2/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Location 2</u> Cokesbury UMC Abingdon Road, Abingdon, MD	STUDY #207 NEW! Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders	Rev. Tiffany Patterson
2/9/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Location 3 (Bus Line)</u> John Wesley UMC 3202 W. North Avenue, Baltimore, MD	STUDY #600 Spiritual Gifts (YOUTH)	Ophelia Brown-Carter
2/9/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Location 3 (Bus Line)</u> John Wesley UMC 3202 W. North Avenue, Baltimore, MD	STUDY #602 Spiritual Gifts (ADULTS)	Shirley Faulcon

DATE	LOCATION	CLASS	TEACHER
NEW DATE: Feb. 23, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Location 4 Ames UMC 112 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD	STUDY #101 Basic Lay Servant	Ophelia Brown-Carter
NEW DATE: Feb. 23, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Location 4 Ames UMC 112 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD	STUDY #400 Called to Preach	Rev. Marlon Tilghman
NEW DATE: Feb. 23, 2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Location 4 Ames UMC 112 Baltimore Pike, Bel Air, MD	STUDY #200 Leadership Essentials	Thea Becton
3/9/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Location 5 Havre de Grace UMC Union Street., Havre de Grace, MD	STUDY #930 Aging & Ministry in the 21st Century	Barbara Dickson
3/9/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Location 5 Havre de Grace UMC Union Street., Havre de Grace, MD	STUDY #810 United Methodist Polity	Rev. Marlon Tilghman
Sunday afternoons starting 3/17 3:00-5:00 PM	Location 6 Towson UMC 501 Hampton Lane, Towson MD	STUDY #420 Biblical Storytelling 3/17, 24, 31, and 4/7, 4/14 culminating on Palm Sunday.	Rev. Mark Johnson Rev. Sandy Johnson
3/23/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Location 7 MD Line UMC 21500 York Road, Freeland, MD	STUDY #101 Basic Lay Servant	Thea Becton
3/23/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Location 7 MD Line UMC 21500 York Road, Freeland, MD	STUDY #900 Conflict Transformation	Rev. John Mayden

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3/23/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Location 8 (Bus Line)</u> Epworth Chapel UMC 3317 Saint Lukes Lane, Baltimore MD	STUDY #101 Basic Lay Servant	Ophelia Brown-Carter
3/23/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Location 8 (Bus Line)</u> Epworth Chapel UMC 3317 Saint Lukes Lane, Baltimore MD	STUDY #207 NEW! Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders	Gwendiville Young
3/30/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Location 9</u> Timonium UMC 2300 Pot Spring Road, Timonium, MD	STUDY #800 United Methodist Heritage	Sharon Myers
3/30/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Location 9</u> Timonium UMC 2300 Pot Spring Road, Timonium, MD	STUDY #307 Lay Pastoral Care Giving	Rev. Cary James
5/4/2019 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<u>Location 10 (Bus Line)</u> St. Matthews New Life UMC 416 E 23rd Street, Baltimore, MD	STUDY #700 Worshiping United Methodists	Rev. Andre Briscoe