Certified Lay Speakers serve by preaching the Word when requested by the Pastor, District Superintendent or Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries in accordance and compliance with ¶341.1. They also:
♦ Provide program leadership, assistance and support.
♦ Lead meetings for prayer, training, study and discussion.
♦ Conduct or assist in conducting services of worship, preaches the Word, or give addresses.
♦ Provide congregational and community leadership and fosters caring ministries.
♦ Assist in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion
♦ Teach the Scriptures, doctrine, organization and ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Requirements for Certification
* Must already be a Certified Lay Servant.
* Pastor and Church Council or Charge Conference recommendation.
* Completion of a track of study as defined in ¶267.3

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.
♦ Approval of the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries after interview, and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

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BASIC COURSE OFFERINGS
Web/Registration title: Basic
Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course
Instructor: Rev. Sarah Schlieckert
Location: Calvary UMC, 3235 Leonardtown Road, Waldorf, MD 20601
Dates and Time: Tuesdays, April 30-May 28, 7-9 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, April 16, 2019
OR
Instructor: Rosalind Pinkney, District Lay Leader
Location: Nottingham-Myers UMC, 15601 Brooks Church Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772
Dates and Times: Friday, May 10, 6-9 p.m. AND Saturday, May 11, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Friday, April 26, 2019

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.

Required Text: Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course; Sandy Ziegler Jackson and Brian Jackson, ISBN: 9780881776263 $11.00

ADVANCED COURSE OFFERINGS
Web/Registration title: Leading Worship
Leading Worship
Instructor: Rev. Dorothea Stroman
Location: Clinton UMC, 10700 Brandywine Rd., Clinton, MD 20735
Dates and Times: Wednesdays, April 24-May 22, 7-9 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 10, 2019

This course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship. Leading Worship is the required preaching course in the certified lay speaker track of study.


Web/Registration title: Justice
Justice in Everyday Life
Instructor: Pastor Kermit Moore
Location: Providence-Fort Washington UMC, 10610 Old Fort Road, Fort Washington, MD 20744
Dates and Times: Friday, April 26, 5 – 9 pm and Saturday, April 27, 9 am – 3 pm
Registration Deadline: Friday April 12, 2019

This course examines at the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church.


Web/Registration title: Storytelling
Dancing With Words
Instructor: Deborah Johnson CLM
Location: Clinton UMC, Clinton UMC, 10700 Brandywine Rd., Clinton, MD 20735
Dates and Times: Wednesdays, April 24-May 22, 7-9 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 10, 2019
OR
Instructor: Pastor Ruth Dixon
Location: Trinity UMC, 90 Church St. Prince Frederick, MD 20678
Dates and Times: Wednesdays, April 24-May 22, 7-9 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Participants in this course will learn what a good story entails, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling. Participants will also, practice creating stories from their experiences.


Web/Registration Title: Prayer
Leading Public Prayer (new course)
Instructor: Linda Flanagan, CLM
Location: Good Shepherd UMC, 305 E. Smallwood Dr., Waldorf, MD 20602
Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and un-

Registration Deadline: Friday, July 19, 2019

Instructor: Pastor Joan Jones
Location: Trinity UMC, 90 Church St. Prince Frederick, MD 20678

Dates and Times: Wednesdays, April 24-May 22, 7-9 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 10, 2019

Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is a learned skill. This course will help participants grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life. Leading Public Prayer fulfills the required prayer course in the certified lay speaker track of study.


Web/Registration title: Polity
Life Together in the United Methodist Connection
Instructor: Pastor Joan Jones
Location: Westphalia UMC, 9363 D’Arcy Road, Upper Marlboro, MD 20774
Dates and Times: Mondays, April 29-May 27, 7-9 p.m.
Registration Deadline: Monday, April 15, 2019

This course provides participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. Life Together in the United Methodist Connection is the required polity course in the lay speaker track of study. (A copy of the 2016 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church is recommended for this course.)


Web/Registration title: Conflict Resolution
Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution
Instructor: Vernona Colbert, CLM
Location: Mt. Hope UMC, 145 Dalrymple Road, Sunderland, MD 20689
Dates and Times: Friday, June 7, 6:30-9:00 pm AND Saturday, June 8, 9 am-4:30 pm
Registration Deadline: Friday, May 24, 2019.

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Registration Deadline is March 23, 2019

Instructor: Rev. Kendrick Weave
Location: Union UMC, 14418 Old Marlboro Pike, Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Dates and Times: Friday, March 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m. and Saturday, March 30, 9:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Registration Deadline is March 23, 2019

Meditative practices exist in every religious tradition. Although many are familiar with techniques such as mindfulness, few are aware of the meditative practice of Jesus. In this dynamic, thought provoking class, you will learn The Hebraic meditative tradition that shaped Jesus, unique principles of Jesus’ meditative approach, practical meditative methods, which will deepen one’s personal life and spiritual community. This course count as an Advanced Lay Servant course for Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Ministers, but is open to all persons who are interested.

To purchase a copy of the book go to: https://wipfandstock.com/meditate-like-jesus.html.

Washington East District Lay Servant Academy
Course Offerings 2019

Certified Lay Servants serve the local church or charge (and/or beyond). Specifically, they:

- Provide program leadership, assistance and support.
- Lead meetings for prayer, training, study and discussion.
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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 approval (¶668.3)

Requirements for Renewal

- Annual report and renewal application.
- Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation.
- Lay Servant Ministries advanced course within the last three years.
- District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval (¶668.3).