

Cumberland-Hagerstown District Lay Servant Academy
Spring 2018 Class Description & Schedule

Classes #1—3 listed below will be held at Emmanuel UMC, 802 Summit Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740 on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21, 2018. Classes will be held from 7—9 pm on Friday [4/20/18] and from 9 am—5 pm on Saturday [4/21/2018]; please bring a lunch and beverage on Saturday. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2018**

1. BASIC COURSE — Instructor: Pastor Steve Robison This training is for anyone who wants to learn about the Lay Servant Ministry. A Lay Servant is a person who has been called by God to serve the local church. The person must be a member in good standing of a United Methodist church, has been recommended by their pastor, and approved at Charge Conference to be part of the Local Church Lay Servant Ministry. **Required Text:** *Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant Book*, ISBN-13: 9780881776263

ADVANCED COURSES:

2. CALLED TO PREACH, A Beginner's Guide to Preaching — Instructor: Pastor Grant Spong 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. **Required Text:** *From Pew to Pulpit* by Clifton F. Guthrie; ISBN 9780687066605

3. LEADING IN PRAYER — Instructor: Pastor Randy Reid For many people, prayer remains a mystery, and praying in public is a test of faith left to the "professionals" of the church. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in prayer, both public and personal. **Required Text:** *Let the Whole Church Say Amen!* by Laurence Hull Stookey; ISBN 9780687090778

4. LIVING OUR UNITED METHODIST BELIEFS — Instructors: Pastor Hal Atkins & CLS Vivian Moore. This class will be held at Cresaptown UMC, 14805 McMullen Hwy SW, Cresaptown, MD 21502 on Friday, April 20, 2018 from 6—9 pm and Saturday, April 21, 2018 - 9 am—4 pm

NOTE TIME!!! [Bring a lunch]. Participants in this class will better understand how Methodism changed since its beginning in the 18th century and what beliefs set United Methodists apart from other denominations. **Required Text:** *Living Our United Methodist Beliefs* by George Hovaness Donigian; ISBN: 9780881777154.



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GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The C-H District Lay Servant Committee reserves the right to cancel classes for insufficient registration and will give as much notice as possible so you can register for another class or request a refund.
- No babysitting services are offered.
- Class will be completed within the 2-day time-frame, so NO absences are permitted.

CLASS COST: Does not include the required text.*

- **Paper registration** — complete this form making sure to mark the class you are registering for and send it with **\$40 check** made payable to BWC Treasurer and mailed to: BWC Western Region Office, Attn: Lay Servant Academy, 12 S. Walnut St., Ste. 101, Hagerstown, MD 21740.
- **Online registration with credit card— \$35** Go to Baltimore-Washington Conference website <http://bwcumc.org/events> > **lay-servant-ministry** > Select correct district click on class.

***REQUIRED TEXTS:** may be purchased from:

- ◇ **Cokesbury** (www.cokesbury.com) or phone at 1-800-672-1789;
- ◇ **The General Board of Discipleship** (<http://www.gbod.org/>);
- ◇ **The Upper Room** (<http://bookstore.upperroom.org/>) or phone at 1-800-972-0433.
- ◇ Amazon.com or local Christian bookstores.

READING ASSIGNMENTS:

Download and print out PDF of assignment from website. Class will be completed within the 10 hours of class so **make sure reading is completed prior to attending class.** Be sure to bring any questions with you to class.

TROUBLE REGISTERING?

Don't delay. Contact Penny Gaver (e-mail: pgaver@BWCUMC.org) or call: 301-739-6659. [Rev 1.2.2018] v2