



## Cumberland-Hagerstown District LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

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Good Day, Thank you for registering for **Public Prayer**, an Advanced or Recertification Lay Servant Course. Your instructor is **Pastor Kyle Durbin**, [c] (c) (443) 223-5717; e-mail: [pastor@frostburgumc.org](mailto:pastor@frostburgumc.org). Please contact him directly if you have any questions about the class.

**Class Schedule:** 5/15/2020 & 5/16/2020; Friday 6:30 – 9 pm & Saturday 8 am – 5 pm [Sat. please bring a lunch & beverage]

**Class Location:** Frostburg UMC, 46 West Main Street, Frostburg, MD 21532

**Required Text:** *Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession* by Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher; ISBN: 978-0-80287-097-1. **Additional helpful resource** (no reading assignment): *Let The Whole Church Say Amen*, published by Abingdon Press ISBN: 9780687090778. Books may be purchased from:

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

**Reading Assignment:** Please read the entire book because the class will be completed in 2 back-to-back days.

**Friday, May 15** - Please read Chapters 1 & 2 of "Sharing The Prayers of the People."

Please consider the following questions:

- 1) What prayer(s) from scripture are particularly meaningful for you and why?
- 2) What words or phrases do you find yourself often repeating when praying privately or publicly? Why?

**Saturday, May 16** - Please read Chapters 3, 4 & 5 of "Sharing The Prayers of the People."

Please consider the following questions:

- 1) Can you think of a time you were asked to pray for a specific cause or event related to social justice? What was it and how did it feel?
- 2) What comes to mind when you are asked to "pray for the world?"
- 3) Do you prefer writing your prayers or praying extemporaneously? Why? Describe a time you prayed in a manner outside your custom or experience.

**Be certain to file the certificate you receive the last night of class in a safe place.** You will need to submit a copy of it with your Annual Report for your local church's fall charge conference meeting.

NOTE: If you wish to become a **Certified Lay Servant [CLS]** you need to complete both the BASIC and one ADVANCED Lay Servant class. Then fill out the "Certified Lay Servant and Certified Lay Speaker- Application" attaching certificates from both classes and send the packet for review and approval by the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure (See ¶1668.3). For more details on the CLS and to download the application go to: <http://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/ministry-of-the-laity/certified-lay-servants/>

Best wishes as you continue with your Lay Servant Ministry.

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