

# Central Maryland District Discipleship Academy – Fall 2016

The classes will run one weekend, Saturday, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. (with a 30-minute lunch) and Sunday, from 3-5:30 p.m. A boxed lunch will be provided on Saturday for an additional \$10, available for purchase upon registration. Registrants have the option to bring their own bagged lunch on Saturday and attend for \$35. Registrants will not be able to purchase lunch on the day of the event. Lay Servant Class Registrants must attend 10 hours of training to receive lay servant credit. **All advanced courses qualify for Advanced Lay Servant credit, Basic Lay Servant refresher credit and Certified Lay Speaker certification and recertification.**

All registrations will be online only. We **cannot** accommodate walk-in registrations.

**November 5, 2016 9 AM – 5 PM**  
**November 6, 2016 3 PM – 5:30 PM**  
**Location:**  
**Baltimore Washington Conference**  
**11711 East Market Place**  
**Fulton, MD 20759**



## Class Offerings/Textbooks

### BASIC

- **Basic Lay Servant – with Rev. Sue Shorb Sterling**

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. **Please note that those registering for this class must read the text prior to the class.**

**Text:** Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Book

ISBN # 978-0-88177-626-3 • \$11.00 on [bookstore.upperroom.org](http://bookstore.upperroom.org) or \$7.70 on [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com)

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### ADVANCED

- **Advanced Lay Servant – Accountable Discipleship – with Rev. Dr. Samuel Holdbrook-Smith**

This course focuses on the concept of the household of God, the importance of scripture as divine revelation, Wesleyan understandings of grace, and the importance of the office of class leader in the development of the Methodist movement. You are encouraged to look at your own faith community and see how it is (or is not) a reflection of genuine Christian community. **Please note that those registering for this class must read the text prior to the class. This course qualifies for Advanced Lay Servant Credit and Basic Lay Servant Refresher Credit. This course is one of the required courses for Lay Speaker qualification.**

**Text:** Accountable Discipleship Participant's Book

ISBN # 978-0-88177-339-2 • \$15.00 on [bookstore.upperroom.org](http://bookstore.upperroom.org) or \$10.50 on [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com)

- **Advanced Lay Servant – From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon– with Rev. Phillip Ayers**

Moving beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon, this course also includes types of sermons – from exegetical to topical to children’s sermons – as well as how to find a story, use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper. ***Please note that those registering for this class must read the text prior to the class. This course qualifies for Advanced Lay Servant Credit and Basic Lay Servant Refresher Credit. This course is one of the required courses for Lay Speaker qualification.***

**Text: From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon Participant’s Book**  
ISBN # 978-0-88177-536-5 • \$6.00 on [bookstore.upperroom.org](http://bookstore.upperroom.org) or \$4.20 on [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com)

- **Advanced Lay Servant – Transforming Evangelism – with Rev. Dr. Mary Dennis**

This course leads participants to learn, from John Wesley, how to practice relational evangelism. They will discover that evangelism involves not only sharing our faith with others, but also welcoming people into a community where they can grow in faith. ***Please note that those registering for this class must read the text prior to the class. This course qualifies for Advanced Lay Servant Credit and Basic Lay Servant Refresher Credit. This course is one of the required courses for Lay Speaker qualification.***

**Text: Transforming Evangelism Participant’s Book**  
ISBN # 978-0-88177-485-6 • \$14.00 on [bookstore.upperroom.org](http://bookstore.upperroom.org) or \$9.80 on [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com)

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## **FREE Classes on Saturday, November 5, 2016 from 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

*Please note that this is no registration fee to attend the classes below but you must register to attend.*

- **Media in Ministry Workshop – with Wendy Feaga**

We are a digital age – people connect on Facebook and Twitter, and now “show me the video” has been the norm. As we work to draw people to church through church websites and Facebook pages, these new visitors come expecting technology. Studies have shown that only 10% of what is said will be remembered, but 50% of the visual media is remembered. In order to share a message, one must at least remember it. This 3-hour free course is designed for churches that either have no media, or have used it only sparingly.

- **UM Polity Workshop – with Rev. JW Park**

Learn how the UMC works, including our structure, organization, and decision making process. You can find everything you need to know about UM Polity with this free workshop!

- **Trustees Training – with Rev. Bill Brown**

Learn what it means to be an effective Trustees Chair and do God's work in ways that are more than just building maintenance.