



Cumberland-Hagerstown District
LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

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REF: ***CALLED TO PREACH, A Beginner's Guide to Preaching***

Good Day,

Thank you for registering for ***CALLED TO PREACH, A Beginner's Guide to Preaching*** an Advanced or Recertification Course. Your instructor is **Pastor Grant Spong**, [c] (240) 520-7708; e-mail: grantspong@gmail.com]; please contact him directly if you have any questions about the class.

Required Text for this class: *From Pew to Pulpit* by Clifton F. Guthrie; ISBN 9780687066605

Reading Assignment: Read the book and decide a chapter where you need most help before class and have two sermons prepared. Sermon 1 (20 minutes max): a gospel text from the lectionary; please hand in a copy of your manuscript as you speak. Sermon 2 (20 minutes max): any text from the lectionary; sermon should be delivered off the cuff using the text as your outline; i. e. do not take your manuscript to the pulpit. Your class will be completed within the two days scheduled.

Required texts may be purchased from:

- Cokesbury (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.

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 ¶668.3). 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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