



Cumberland-Hagerstown District LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

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Good Day and thank you for registering for the **Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course**. Your instructor is **Pastor Rob Pierson**; Cell Phone: (240) 483-6415; Emails: bobapierson@yahoo.com please contact him directly if you have questions about the class.

Class Schedule: Revised Schedule: Friday, September 25, from 6pm-8pm; Saturday, September 26, from 8am-11am; Friday, October 2, from 6pm-8pm; Saturday, October 3 from 8am-11am

Zoom Meeting: This class will be held via the Zoom Application. Information for joining the class will be provided with the assignment sheet prior to start class date. Please retain the "BWC Best Practices for a ZOOM Meetings" for future reference. Directions for participating in a ZOOM meeting/class begins on the last page.

Required Text for this class: Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant Book, ISBN-13: 9780881776263 Books 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; and some texts are available at Amazon.com or Christian bookstores.

Reading Assignment: Read the whole Participants Book prior to class and have access to the Book of Discipline.

- **September 25** -- Review Chapter 1 and be ready to share answers to these questions:
 - What is the authority of Scriptures mean to you?
 - What is the "Good News" to you?
 - What does it mean to be a member of the priesthood of believers?
 - What are the differences between being a priest/pastor and being laity?
 - Have a 30 second and a 5 minute calling story.
 - Can you describe your spiritual gifts? What are they?

- **September 26** -- Review Chapter 2 and be ready to share answers to these questions. Also have a copy or access to a 2000-2016 Book of Discipline [BOD] or have access to the internet copy. Here is a link to a FREE on-line version the BOD: <https://www.cokesbury.com/book-of-discipline-book-of-resolutions-free-versions>
 - Describe servant leadership
 - What does it mean to be a spiritual leader?
 - What are John Wesley's 3 simple rules?
 - How would you describe "discernment?"
 - How much do you know about Robert's Rule of Order?
 - What and Why is there a Book of Discipline (BOD)?
 - What is the differences between General, Annual and Church Conferences?

- **October 3** -- Review Chapter 3 and be ready to share answers to these questions:
 - What are the differences between Acts of Compassion and Acts of Justice?
 - What outreach ministries are your churches doing. Be ready to explain the history and details
 - Explain what Matthew 25:31-46 means to you
 - In what ways are there evidence of Jesus Christ working through you in your caring ministry?
 - Is there a specific ministry that God is calling you to? Are you doing it?



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- **October 4** -- Review Chapter 4 and be ready to share answers to these questions:
 - Discuss the importance of communication skills.
 - What are your best practices? What areas can you work on to communicate more effectively?
 - What does "active listening" mean to you? Be honest are you are good listener?
 - Saint Francis of Assisi said "Preach the Gospel at all times. If necessary, use words. What does this mean to you?
 - Be prepared to give your 5-minute testimony to the group. We need to be able to see you and hear you, if possible.
 - If times allows we will have wrap up questions and share ideas together.

Be certain to file the certificate of completion you receive 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 to [Wanda Barkdoll](#) for review and approval by the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure (See ¶1668.3).

Best wishes as you continue with your Lay Servant Ministry.

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