



Cumberland-Hagerstown District LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

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Good Day, 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: 5/1 – 5/2/2020; Fri. 6:30–9 pm and Sat. 8 am – 5:00 pm [Please bring a lunch and beverage on Sat.]

Location: Emmanuel UMC, 24 Humbird St, Cumberland, MD 21502

Required Text for this class: **Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant Book**, ISBN-13: 9780881776263

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.

Reading Assignment:

- **Friday 05/01/2020** – Read Chapter #1 of Lay Servant Ministries – Also Read ¶160 of the Book of Discipline; **NOTE:** here is a link to FREE on-line versions of both the Book of Discipline and Book of Resolutions:
<https://www.cokesbury.com/book-of-discipline-book-of-resolutions-free-versions>
- **Saturday 05/02/2020** -- Read Chapters #2 — #5 as well as:
 - Note impactful leadership styles you have seen in your life.
 - Perform an act of compassion and act of justice then note what you did and its potential impact on you and the recipient.
 - Work on articulating your faith story so that you can share it with one person
 - Experiment with hospitality in your church and be able to talk about your experience and its effects.

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:

<https://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/leadership-development/laity-development/>

Best wishes as you continue with your Lay Servant Ministry.

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