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REF: *Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts*

Good Day,

Thank you for registering for **Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts** Advanced Recertification Course. Your instructor is **Rev. Michael Bynum** [e-mail: pastorbynum@gmail.com]; please email him directly if you have any questions about the class.

Required Text for this class: *Each One a Minister* by William J. Carter, ISBN: 978-0-88177-375-0

Reading Assignments should be completed prior to attending classes. Session 1 & 2 before the first class, and Sessions 3-5 before the second class. See page 2 for session details. Please bring your Bible to class.

Required texts: Textbooks 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 the certificate with your annual report at your local church's fall charge conference meeting.

Best wishes as you continue with your Lay Servant Ministry.

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Session Assignments

Session 1

Preparation for Session 1: Read the introduction (“The Church, Ministry, and Gifts”) on pages 5–7 in *Each One a Minister*.

After you have read the introduction, note that this session is divided into two parts.

Read Ephesians 1:15-16. Then read “God’s Intention for Us” on pages 9–14 in the text. You do not need to complete the exercises as you are reading. Some of the exercises will be part of the class session.

Read Ephesians 2:8-10; 3:9-10; and Galatians 3:23-29. Then read “Prepared for Good Deeds” on pages 15–18 in *Each One a Minister* and “Sharing the Secret” on pages 19–20.

Complete Spiritual Gifts Inventory—Pray for discernment before starting the inventory- Refer to page 47 in the text to read about discernment and how it is related to gifts discovery.

Session 2

Read Ephesians 4:4-12; Romans 12:4-8; and 1 Corinthians 13:1-3. Then read “Gifted Children” on pages 21–26 in the text.

Read Ephesians 4:23-24; 5:21; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; and Romans 12:3-5. Then read “The Right Stuff” on pages 27–30 and “Submit to One Another” on pages 31–34 in the text.

Session 3

Read “Spirituality and Practicality” on pages 35–37 in the text and “The Role and Practice of Spirituality” on pages 39–41 in the text.

Session 4

Read “Developing and Deploying the Gifts” on pages 51–55.

Session 5

Read “A Guide for Exploring Areas on Ministry” on pages 57–74 in the text. From the ministry area descriptions on pages 61–74, select at least one area that you would like to be involved in. (You may add a ministry area or activity if you feel it needs to be included.) Read “Discovering Gifts for Ministry” on pages 43–50 in *Each One a Minister*.

Prepare a brief summary of how the ministry activity you have chosen might be put into practice. Be prepared to talk to the group about what you have chosen.