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Cumberland-Hagerstown District LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

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REF: Leading In Prayer

Good Day,

Thank you for registering for *LEADING IN PRAYER* an Advanced or Recertification Course. Your instructor is **Pastor Randy Reid,** [c] (301) 465-9233; e-mail: eumc.pastor@verizon.net; please contact him directly if you have any questions about the class.

Required Text for this class: Let the Whole Church Say Amen! by Laurence Hull Stookey; ISBN 9780687090778

Reading Assignment: This class will be completed in 2 days. See below for the chapters to be discussed.

FRIDAY NIGHT

• Complete Exercise 1, The Grandeur of God and Prayer as Pure Praise & Read Exercise ,2 Learning a Basic Form for Brief Prayers

SATURDAY

- Complete Exercise 4, The Collect Form with Modifications & Exercise 5, Learning to Pray with Vigorous Verbs
- Complete Exercise 7, Another Prayer Form: The Litany & Exercise 8, Achieving Variety and Breadth
- Complete Exercise 10, On the Holiness of God; Exercise 11, Praying to the God Who Is Present; & Exercise 12, Praying to the Trinity
- Complete Exercise 15, The Pastoral Prayer and Related Forms & Exercise 19, Writing Prayers for Unison Use

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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