



OHIO EPISCOPAL AREA

East & West Ohio Conferences

THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

2025-2026

Application for Admission

Certified Lay Ministry Academy

Please save to your computer then type and complete all pages of the application. Save again before printing and mailing to the address below with all required signatures. If completing by hand, please write legibly!

Contact Info

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Home _____ Work _____ Cell _____ Email _____

Church & Ministry Info

Name and address of the United Methodist Church to which you belong:

Address _____
City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____

How long have you been a member of this church? _____

District ☐ Great Miami River ☐ Maumee River ☐ Scioto River ☐ Northern Waters ☐ Central Valley
☐ Hocking River ☐ Olentangy River ☐ Western Lakes ☐ West Plains ☐ South Forest

Briefly state why you are interested in Certified Lay Ministry Training?

In what ministry or ministries are you currently involved, if any?

List any previous ministry experiences

Please specify any dietary or special needs:

Please describe your spiritual journey AND your understanding of God's call on your life.

Brief Biographical Background

We are hoping to gather a group diverse in age, ethnicity, geography, gender, etc. We want to know how best to serve you. Please describe yourself to us!

Education (include high school, college, graduate school, and all pertinent training)

Work and Church-related experience

Special Skills and experience

Titles of Completed Lay Servant Ministries Courses

Briefly describe where you are currently in ministry and/or services and where you hope to be after completing your 9 month course of study with Certified Lay Ministry Training:

How did you hear about the Certified Lay Minister? _

(Signatures required on next page.)

Affidavit & Signatures

I certify that the information I have provided in this form is accurate and truthful; I understand that should it prove to be otherwise, my acceptance to, participation in, and certification by the Ohio Conference's Certified Lay Ministry training may be denied or withdrawn. I also understand that this application is for the full 9-month program. The Academy retreat will be in person, but most classes will be online through the ***Be A Disciple website***. Additional in-person or hybrid courses to be determined by my Conference Lay Servant Ministries (CLM) team.

_____/_____/_____
Signature of Applicant Date Print Name

Church _____

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Signature of Pastor Date Print Name

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Signature of District Superintendent Date Print Name

Scholarship Assistance

A limited number of scholarships are available from your conference. Applicants should first contact their local churches and districts for sponsorship then reach out to the Conference Lay Servant Ministries Director.

Please mail completed application with signatures to:

West Ohio Conference • Attn: Certified Lay Ministry • 32 Wesley Blvd. • Worthington, OH 43085