

CENTRAL VALLEY DISTRICT Middle Region East Ohio Conference UMC



Saturday, October 18, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Advanced Course: Ministry with the Forgotten

This course is designed to help laity and clergy deepen their understanding of persons living with dementia and help all maintain their identity and worth as beloved children of God. Confronting the deep personal and theological questions created by loving people with dementia, Bishop Carder calls the church to a deeper discipleship; defined by the quality of our caring and receiving relationships. Participants will discover what it means to carry each other's memories, joys and diminishments together in community. Through loving practices that nurture and incorporate persons with Alzheimer's and dementia into the church's life and ministry, we experience a spiritual rooted in God's grace beyond our own strengths and capacities.

The required text for this class "Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia through a Spiritual Lens" by Bishop Kenneth L. Carder. **The book must be purchased in advance** and is available at Cokesbury.com for \$16.79. It can also be found on The Upper Room/store.com, Amazon.com, and Christianbooks.com, occasionally at a lower price.

Cost of class is \$25 and includes a light breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beverages throughout the day.

You will receive pre-class assignments from the instructor to be completed prior to the day of the class.

Class will meet at North Industry UMC, 155 Faircrest St. SW, Canton, Ohio 44706

Please use the link or QR code to register by Oct. 3

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BASIC Course details on reverse



Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Basic Course: Introduction to Lay Ministry

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connections. Through this equipping and empowering system, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go out and make other disciples. There are a broad range of mission and ministry opportunities for laypeople in the UMC. The Basic Course lays the framework for understanding the UMC approach to leadership in mission and ministry. This course will equip participants to better lead and serve with others, not only in their local church but also in the community and throughout the world. The required text for this class is the *Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participants Book*. **The book must be purchased in advance** and is available from The Upper Room for \$13.00. It can sometimes be found at Cokesbury or Amazon for a little less. The last day to register is Oct. 10.

Cost of class is \$25 and includes a light breakfast, lunch, snacks, and beverages throughout the day.

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Anyone can take any of these courses for spiritual growth, you do not have to be a member of a UMC or seeking certification as a Lay Servant, Speaker, or CLM.

We do advise that you start with the Basic course, but it is not a pre-requisite for taking an advanced course.

Please contact Eddie Courtney Co – Director, Lay Servant Ministries, Central Valley District with any questions.

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