

CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER

ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE

Initial Application or Request for Renewal



Report for year ending _____

SECTION I: DATA ON THE LAY SPEAKER

Name (Mrs. ___ Ms. ___ Mr. ___) _____
Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Telephone _____ E-mail _____
Name of District _____
Name of Church _____
Church Address _____ City/State/Zip _____
Church Telephone _____

SECTION II: STATUS OF THE LAY SPEAKER

___ **For initial application** as a Lay Speaker

1. Are you currently a Certified Lay Servant? ___ Yes ___ No (stop and use the Certified Lay SERVANT form)
2. What year did you complete your Basic Course? _____
3. What year did you complete your Advanced Course for certification as a lay servant? _____
4. What was the title of your Advanced Course? _____
5. Which of the following required Lay Speaking courses have been completed?
___ Leading Worship ___ Leading Prayer ___ Discovering Spiritual Gifts
___ Preaching ___ United Methodist Heritage ___ United Methodist Polity

Upon completion of the required course work, the Lay Speaker candidate will be examined by the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries and recommended to the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries to be considered for certification.

Date of interview _____ Name of person who completed the interview _____

___ **For renewal** as a Lay Speaker

1. What year did you first become certified as a Lay Speaker? _____
2. Date of last review of Lay Speaker status: _____ Approved: ___ Yes ___ No
3. What year did you complete your last Advanced Course? _____
4. What was the title of your last Advanced Course? _____

SECTION III: REQUEST OF THE LAY SERVANT/SPEAKER

I request recommendation of my pastor and my charge conference to begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.

Date _____ Lay Servant _____

SECTION IV: RECOMMENDATION OF THE PASTOR

I recommend concurrence with the request of this person to begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.

Date _____ Pastor _____

SECTION V: RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL/CHARGE CONFERENCE

The church council/charge conference of _____ (church/charge)
recommends the above person begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.

Date _____ Church Council Chair or District Superintendent _____

(To be completed by those requesting renewal as a Certified Lay Speaker)

SECTION VI: MINISTRIES BY THE LAY SPEAKER

During the past year, I have participated in ***caring ministries*** as follows:

___ served as a volunteer in a care-giving institution ___ provided one-on-one caring
___ at a hospital, nursing home, or to a shut-in ___ in membership/evangelism visitation
___ served in caring/outreach projects (food pantry, prison ministry, etc)
___ other caring activities (Please list) _____

During the past year, I have participated in ***leading ministries*** as follows:

___ served as member of committee, board, commission, council, task force, etc.
___ as a volunteer at a community agency
___ at my local church
___ beyond my local church
___ on my District ___ Conference ___ Jurisdiction ___ General Church level
___ other leading activities (Please list) _____

During the past year, I have participated in ***communicating ministries*** as follows:

___ brought message in _____ worship services
___ served as worship leader in _____ services
___ delivered _____ devotional messages
___ taught _____ classes
___ shared my faith story _____

Churches you have preached in, besides your home church: _____

During the past year I have participated in additional opportunities for ministry as follows (*Additional writing space below*):

SECTION VII: PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY THE LAY SPEAKER

In what activities have you engaged and/or what books have you read or used during the past year to help you develop your devotional life; improve your understanding of the Bible; improve your understanding of The United Methodist Church; and to improve your skills in caring, leading, communicating and speaking?

SECTION VIII: FEEDBACK BY THE LAY SPEAKER

1. Do you feel called to be in service in any area of ministry, either in the church or outside the church, in which you are not currently involved? ___ Yes ___ No (If yes, please list those areas below.)

2. What additional training or support do you need or would suggest to further your ministry:

3. Give any recommendations you have for improving Lay Servant Ministries in your District or Conference:

NOTICE: After this form is completed and signed by those listed above, the Recording Secretary of the Charge Conference is requested to reproduce **THREE** copies: (1)Lay Speaker, (2)District Director of Lay Servant Ministries, (3)District Superintendent. The Recording Secretary of the Charge Conference keeps the **ORIGINAL**.

Lay Servant Ministries Committee Use Only:dCOM Interview Date _____ Background Check Date _____ Approval Date _____

(Please be sure to indicate which question you are answering.)

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