

The goal of the Lay Servant Ministries (LSM) program is to provide training opportunities and experiences to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to realize and respond to their personal calls to ministry. Since each disciple is 'gifted' with one or more spiritual gifts (skills given by the Holy Spirit for the express purpose of serving the body of believers and thereby God), the Lay Servant Ministries program strives to help disciples become aware of their particular gifts by offering educational events to enhance and develop the skill levels necessary for the full fruition of these gifts. It is an excellent vehicle for servant ministry skill development and has aided thousands of church members to be better servants of Jesus Christ, to become stronger church family leaders, and to more capably assist their pastors.

If you are sensing God's call to greater service in the church, or would like to learn more about how you might serve, the "Basic" course offers an introduction to understanding your gifts, spiritual leadership, caring ministry, communication skills, and outreach. The Advanced course, "Living Our Beliefs" is an option for becoming a Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Speaker in the East Ohio Conference.

Lay Servant Ministries Training

**Saturday,
September 24,
2022**

8:00am-5:30pm

Kennonsburg UM Church

**57599 Kennonsburg Rd.
Salesville, Ohio 43778**

Southern Hills District Office
P. O. Box 340
Cambridge, Ohio 43725

Registration

Please complete (print) and submit to district office by 9/9/2022

Name: _____

Church: _____

District: _____

HOME Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dietary Needs: _____

Select ONE Course:

___ **Basic Course: Lay Servant Ministries: Serving, Learning & Leading**
(8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) Lunch is included.

___ **Advanced Course: Living Our Beliefs**
(8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.) Lunch is included.

Enclose check payable to
Southern Hills District for \$25.

Mail registration to:
Southern Hills District Office
P. O. Box 340
Cambridge, OH. 43725

Please register by 9/9/22; after this date, books cannot be mailed.

Course Information

Basic Course – Lay Servant Ministries: Serving, Learning & Leading

Are you already serving in your local church? This course explores ways to enrich and expand your understanding of ways to help in & care for your congregation & community. Participants will examine their current callings, spiritual gifts, and a vast range of ways to serve, learn, and lead as followers of Jesus in the Wesleyan tradition.
Prerequisite: None, other than a heart to serve!
Pre-course reading and reflection is required in order to fulfill the necessary number of course hours.

Advanced Course: Living Our Beliefs

This course explores the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church from Biblical, historical, and traditional perspectives. Participants also will examine how Methodist foundational beliefs can help guide them as they experience and follow Jesus. This course is designed for those who want to become or continue as Certified Lay Servants and for those seeking Certified Lay Speaker status.
Prerequisite: “Basic Course: LSM “Learning & Leading”
Pre-course reading and reflection is required in order to fulfill the necessary number of course hours.

FOR BOTH COURSES

Recommended COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at all sessions. Pending September COVID numbers, all in attendance may need to wear face coverings throughout the day and honor social distancing. Upon receipt of registration, you will be mailed further information including the agenda, book, pre-course work expectations, and current COVID protocols.

For more information contact:
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Lay Servant Descriptions and Requirements

Certified Lay Servant

Is a lay person whom God has called to lay ministry in his/her local church and beyond.

1. Has completed the course entitled **Lay Servant Ministry: Learning and Leading** (formerly known as the “Basic” course.)
2. Is a member of a United Methodist church.
3. Has taken one advanced course.
4. Applies to become a Certified Lay Servant after talking with his/her pastor and completes a Certified Lay Servant report, which also serves as a Certified Lay Servant application.
5. Receives the formal approval of his/her pastor and charge conference or administrative/church council.
6. Files an annual Certified Lay Servant report (the year after he/she has applied and completed his/her first advanced LSM course).
7. Completes 1 advanced course every three years.

Certified Lay Speaker

Is a Certified Lay Servant who provides pulpit supply, as well as serving in his/her local congregation and beyond.

1. Has pastor and charge conference approval.
2. Completes the six required courses for Lay Speaker Certification.
3. Interviews with the District Lay Servant Ministries Committee.
4. Is approved by the East Ohio Conference Lay Servant Ministries Committee.
5. Files an annual certified lay speaker report.
6. Completes 1 advanced course every 3 years and interviews with the District Lay Servant Ministries Committee.

Certified Lay Minister (CLM)

Serves in his/her local church and beyond under clergy supervision and as a part of a Mutual Ministry Team. Serves with a Mutual Ministry Covenant
Completes additional requirements as described in the EOC Certified Lay Ministry Guidelines at