

2024

## Lay Servant Training Registration

(Please fill out a separate form for each participant.)

Basic \_\_\_ Adv. Opt. 1 \_\_\_ Opt. 2 \_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost: \$25 (includes book and dinner).  
Make checks payable to EOCUMC w/  
WP Fund 9609 in the memo. Please  
register early so that you have time to  
read and be prepared. Books will be  
sent as soon as payment is received.  
Register online at [https://forms.gle/  
svqbtUcxGWV82hAQA](https://forms.gle/svqbtUcxGWV82hAQA)**

**\*\*NO online payment option available  
this year, but hopefully returning 2025\*\***

Please submit to: **West Plains District Office  
% Lay Servant Training  
410 Park Ave, Suite 2  
Mansfield, OH. 44906**

### **For more information contact**

MO District Lay Servant Director,  
Diane Harding at 419-617-5625 or  
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## **Lay Servant Ministry Requirements**

### **Certified Lay Servant**

*Serve in local church*

1. Pastor & Charge Conf. approved
2. Take Advanced Course after Basic
3. File an Annual Report
4. Complete 1 Advanced Course every 3 years.

### **Certified Lay Speaker**

*Provide pulpit supply*

1. Pastor & Charge Conf. approved
2. Complete required courses (6) for Lay Speaker
3. Interview w/District Committee
4. Annual Conference approved.
5. File an Annual Report
6. Complete 1 Advanced Course and interview w/District Committee every 3 years.

### **Certified Lay Minister**

*Mutual Ministry Team (local & beyond)*

1. Lay servant certification or equivalent (includes Basic and Each One a Minister or an equivalent Spiritual Gifts assessment.)
2. Written recommendation from the pastor and church council or CC.
3. Letter of support from the DS
4. Appropriate background checks
5. Completion of CLM training (BeADisciple) online & face to face.
6. Development of Mutual Ministry Team & Mutual Ministry Covenant.
7. Approval by DCOM & Conference Committee on LSM.

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## **West Plains District 2024**

### **Lay Servant Training**

**June 1, 2024**

**8:30a - 6:00p**

**@ Ashland First UMC  
(220 Sandusky St. \* 44805)**



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West Plains District**

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## Lay Servant Ministries

**Laity** refers to the Greek word **laos** which means all the people of God. Laity are empowered through Lay Servant Ministries to serve each community and in our conference.

Lay Servant Ministries of The United Methodist Church has its origins in early Methodism. John Wesley used lay persons to preach, conduct worship, lead studies, and visit the sick and imprisoned. These early leaders were called exhorters, forerunners of today's lay servants.

Today, those involved in Lay Ministry are charged to witness, lead, and have their service inspire others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship.

The three tenets of Lay Servant Ministries are **Leading, Caring, and Communicating**.

### Basic Course

The Basic Course encourages people to recognize and use their spiritual gifts for work in the Church, helping each congregation to become an outpost for mission and transformation. Individual sessions guide participants through thoughtful reflection on the areas of leading, caring, communicating, and spreading the love of Christ into the world.

### Advanced Course(s)

**Option 1:** (Discovering & Using Your Spiritual Gifts - not required to become a Lay Speaker)  
**"For the Common Good"** by *Christine Harman*

Examining key passage in Paul's writings, author Christine Harman leads readers through a personal spiritual gift assessment. She names 25 distinct spiritual gifts - such as discernment, hospitality, compassion, evangelism, or music—and helps people explore scripture references on each one. After identifying their particular gifts, clergy and laypeople will learn how to apply them for the good of their church, community, and the world. This book is the text for a Lay Servant Ministries advanced course on spiritual gifts.

**Option 2:** (Polity & Dynamics of The UMC Resource - needed to become a Lay Speaker)  
**"Life Together in the United Methodist Connection"** by *Beth Galbreath*

This book gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. The course is arranged in five two-hour sessions with short devotionals at the beginning of each session intended to ground class instruction and discussion in scripture. This book is required for Lay Servants who wish to become certified Lay Speakers.

## Caring    Leading Communicating



There are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but they all come from the same Spirit. There are different ways to serve the same Lord, and we can each do different things. Yet the same God works in all of us and helps us in everything we do.

The Spirit has given each of us a special way of serving others. Some of us can speak with wisdom, while others can speak with knowledge, but these gifts come from the same Spirit. To others the Spirit has given great faith or the power to heal the sick or the power to work mighty miracles. Some of us are prophets, and some of us recognize when God's Spirit is present. Others can speak different kinds of languages, and still others can tell what these languages mean. But it is the Spirit who does all this and decides which gifts to give to each of us.

~ 1 Corinthians 12: 4-11