



# Lay Servant Ministries Academy

October 2 - November 6, 2017

Welcome to 2017 Fall Lay Academy!

This flyer will provide you with information about requirements to be a Certified Lay Servant and the Lay Servant Academy. Some requirements have recently changed to become certified and to maintain your certified status. The cost for each class is \$40.00.

1. The "Basic Course" is the first course to be taken by anyone wishing to become a Lay Servant. Credit will not be given for advanced courses taken before the Basic Course. Upon completion of the Basic Course, you will become a Local Lay Servant.
2. Local Lay Servants shall serve one full year at their local church before taking "Living Our Beliefs" to become a Certified Lay Servant."
3. "Living Our Beliefs" is a mandatory course that must be taken by all Lay Servants. You will not be permitted to take any advanced course for certification or recertification until you have completed this course.
4. To maintain your certified status, all Lay Servants must take a class every three years. If you have allowed your lay certification to lapse, you begin again by taking the Basic Course.
5. A minimum of 10 hours of classroom instruction for each class is required in order for the course to be used toward the certification process.
6. Some Lay Servant Ministries courses are available online at [www.beadisciple.com](http://www.beadisciple.com) for \$55-\$80 which must be paid online when you register for a course. You must also complete the attached registration form to confirm your pastor's approval and submit it to the Salisbury District Office. At the completion of any online courses, a printout of the completed course must be submitted to the Salisbury District Office. Failure to provide pastor's approval and proof of completion will hinder your certification process.

Classes will begin on Monday, Oct 2, 2017, concluding on Monday, Nov 6, 2017. The date of the Celebration Banquet is Monday, Nov. 13, 2017 at Asbury UMC.

Complete the registration form along with your pastor's signature and mail by September 20, 2017 with your check in the amount of \$40.00 made payable to **"BOARD OF LAITY"**. You may bring your registration to Opening Night on October 2, 2017. However, we are unable to guarantee your registration due to Lay Servant class requirements and/or availability of space/materials - Class size will be limited to 25 participants.

Please mail your registration or drop-off to:  
Lay Ministries Academy, 211A Phillip Morris Drive, Salisbury, MD 21804  
***A drop box is available at this location for after hours.***

**1. LAY SERVANT BASIC COURSE \$40**

**Rev. Jack Savage Christ UM Church**

This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

**2. LIVING OUR UNITED METHODIST BELIEFS \$40**

**Rev. Frances Fitchett Asbury UM Church**

This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st century church.

**3. LEADING BIBLE STUDY \$40**

**Rev. Ron Bell Asbury UM Church**

This course opens a new world for many lay servants who have not had professional training in biblical interpretation. It reminds us as United Methodists that Bible Study and biblical interpretation are a core part of our spiritual journey.

**4. DANCING WITH WORDS \$40**

**Rev. Jim Riley Christ UM Church**

Participants in this course will learn what constitutes a good story, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their experiences.

**5. TRANSFORMING EVANGELISM \$40**

**Rev. Paul Sherwood Christ UM Church**

This course leads participants to learn from John Wesley how to practice relational evangelism. They will discover that evangelism involves not only sharing our faith with others but also welcoming people into a community where they can grow in faith.

**6. GOD'S MISSION... OUR JOURNEY \$40**

**Rev. Dr. Sally Dolch Asbury UM Church**

This course will provide participants with a better understanding of a holistic approach to participation in God's mission to the world and equip lay servants for more effective missional engagement in their communities and beyond.

The certified lay servant serves the local church or charge in ways in which his or her witness, leadership, and service inspires others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship.

**SCHEDULE FOR October 2, 2017**

All students will meet at  
Christ UMC

**\*\* Note: New Opening Night Location \*\***

**6:00 pm** Check-In - Receive Materials  
New Registrations  
**6:30 - 8:30 pm** Opening Worship and Classes

**SCHEDULE FOR Oct 9, Oct 16, Oct 23, Oct 30, Nov 6**

Classes will meet 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm at the  
location designated in the class description.

**LOCATIONS:**

**Asbury UMC**  
1401 Camden Ave  
Salisbury, MD 21801

**Christ UMC**  
211 Phillip Morris Dr  
Salisbury, MD 21804

**CELEBRATION BANQUET - Nov. 13, 2017  
At Asbury UMC**

Each participant will receive a ticket.

*Pastors of each participating church will receive  
a complimentary ticket mailed directly to them.*

Additional Tickets May Be purchased  
\$20.00 (Check payable to Board of Laity)  
at the Salisbury District Office

Each Course is \$40 - **Must Have Pastor's Signature on Registration Form**

Check Payable to: Board of Laity

**THIS REGISTRATION FORM AND YOUR PAYMENT WILL AUTOMATICALLY ENROLL YOU  
IN YOUR CLASS. NO CONFIRMATION WILL BE SENT. LAY SERVANT CLASSES BEGIN ON  
OCTOBER 2, 2017**

***Class size will limited to 25 participants.***

If inclement weather necessitates the cancelation of a class, a message will be on the  
District Office answering service (410-749-3331) and on WBOC weather closings.

**Registration - Fall 2017**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Last (Please print) First

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
City / State / Zip Code

CHARGE: \_\_\_\_\_ CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_ \*PASTOR'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**\* REQUIRED! Registration will be returned if pastor has not signed)**

CLASS NAME: \_(1st Choice) \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

CLASS NAME: \_(2nd Choice) \_\_\_\_\_ LOCATION: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I am a Local Lay Servant \_\_\_\_ I am a Certified Lay Servant \_\_\_\_ I am interested in becoming a Lay Servant

\_\_\_\_ I am renewing my expired Lay Servant Certification \_\_\_\_ I am taking this class for my personal use

Last Class Taken and Date \_\_\_\_\_