



Lay Servant Ministries Academy

April 9 - May 14, 2018

Welcome to 2018 Spring 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 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. Laity that completes an online course is invited to the Lay Academy Banquet. A \$20 meal fee will be required to attend this banquet. Please contact the Salisbury District Office if you wish to attend.

Classes will begin on Monday, April 9, 2018, concluding on Monday, May 14, 2018. The date of the Celebration Banquet is Monday, May 21, 2018 at Asbury UMC.

Complete the registration form along with your pastor's signature and mail by March 30, 2018 with your check in the amount of \$40.00 made payable to "BOARD OF LAITY". You may bring your registration to Opening Night on April 9, 2018. 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

Tom Robinson 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. LEADING MISSIONAL SMALL GROUPS \$40

Rev. Lawrence Purnell Christ UM Church

Participants in this course will learn the Wesleyan way to form missional communities and congregations. It is based on the conviction that just as holiness of heart leads to holiness of life, it is communities of holy love that participate in God's mission in the world.

5. LAY SERVANTS LEAD IN CONFLICT

RESOLUTION \$40

Rev. Julie Lewis Asbury UM Church

Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and unhealthy, and lay servants can be equipped and empowered to help lead through those times of conflict as a time of transformation.

6. AGING & MINISTRY in the 21st CENTURY

\$40

Rev. Patti Frick Christ 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 April 9, 2018

All students will meet at
Christ UMC

**** Note: Opening Night Location ****

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

**SCHEDULE FOR Apr 16, Apr 23, Apr 30, May 7,
May 14**

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 - May 21, 2018
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)

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 APRIL 9, 2018

Class size will limited to 25 participants.

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

Registration - Spring 2018

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 _____