



Lay Servant Ministries Academy

September 30—November 4, 2019

Welcome to 2019 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 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 course, 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, September 30, 2019, at Christ UMC and conclude on Monday, November 4, 2019. The date of the Celebration Banquet is Monday, November 11, 2019. The place is to be announced. Please note that NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD ON THE DAY OF THE BANQUET.

Complete the registration form along with your pastor’s signature and mail by September 24, 2019 with your check in the amount of \$40.00 made payable to “**BOARD OF LAITY**”. You *may* bring your registration to Opening Night on September 30, 2019. 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

NEW

1. LAY SERVANT BASIC COURSE \$40
Rev. Lisa Graine **Wesley Temple UMC**

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
Rev. Frances Fitchett **\$40 Christ UMC**

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. LAY SERVANTS AS CHRISTIAN
TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERS \$40**
Rev. Janice Humphrey **Wesley Temple UMC**

This course will guide lay servants seeking to be more empowered to lead their congregations toward vitality.

4. LEADING PUBLIC PRAYER \$40
Rev. Lawrence Purnell **Wesley Temple UMC**

Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something one learns. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life.

**5. LIFE TOGETHER IN THE UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH (Polity) \$40**
Rev. Ron Schatz **Christ UM Church**

This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. A copy of the 2016 Book of Discipline is recommended for both the online and text version of this course.

6. LAY PASTORAL CAREGIVING \$40
Rev. Bill Sterling **Christ UM Church**

This course offers insights into the life span and the dynamics of contemporary life to help church leaders reach out with God's love and care to others.

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 September 30, 2019

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 Oct 7, Oct 14, Oct 21, Oct 28, Nov 4

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

LOCATIONS:

Wesley Temple UMC

1322 West Road
Salisbury, MD 21801

Christ UMC

211 Phillip Morris Dr
Salisbury, MD 21804

CELEBRATION BANQUET - Nov 11, 2019

Asbury UMC

1401 Camden Ave Salisbury, MD

No Tickets Sold on the day of the Banquet

Each participant will receive a ticket.

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

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 September 30, 2019.

Class size will be 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 - Fall 2019

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 _____