



Lay Servant Ministries Academy

February 25—April 1, 2019

Welcome to 2019 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.

NEW

Classes will begin on Monday, February 25, 2019, at Trinity UMC and conclude on Monday, April 1, 2019. The date of the Celebration Banquet is Monday, April 8, 2019 at Christ UMC.

Complete the registration form along with your pastor’s signature and mail by February 15, 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 February 25, 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

A drop box is available at this location for after hours.

1. LAY SERVANT BASIC COURSE \$40

Charlotte Hastings 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 Trinity 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. LAY SERVANTS AS CHRISTIAN TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERS \$40

Rev. Janice Humphrey Christ UMC

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

4. EMBRACING PERSONAL PRAYER \$40

Rev. Lawrence Purnell Trinity UM Church

Embracing Personal Prayer will increase the readers' knowledge of prayer and will also help them encounter God as they become more prayerful, explore lessons from the prayer life of Jesus, learn deeper approaches to personal prayer, and embrace the promise of intimacy with God.

5. DEVOTIONAL LIFE IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION \$40

Rev. Ron Schatz Christ UM Church

Structured around Wesley's "means of grace," this study covers, among other topics, prayer, Scripture, the Lord's Supper, and fasting – major features in John Wesley's devotional life. Participants will learn how they can apply Wesley's ministry to their own life.

6. AGING & MINISTRY in the 21st CENTURY \$40

Ellen Lowe Trinity 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 February 25, 2019

All students will meet at

Trinity UMC

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

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

LOCATIONS:

Trinity UMC

112 High St
Salisbury, MD 21801

Christ UMC

211 Phillip Morris Dr
Salisbury, MD 21804

**CELEBRATION BANQUET - April 8, 2019
At Christ UMC**

Each participant will receive a ticket.

SCHEDULE FOR Mar 4, Mar 11, Mar 18, Mar 25, Apr 1

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

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

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 FEBRUARY 25, 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 - Spring 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 _____