

2021 Lay Servant Ministries

Course Descriptions and Equipping Resources



Lay ministry is the work of mission or ministry to which each believer is called. As Christians we are all called to this ministry or priesthood—not just clergy. Each of us has a responsibility to proclaim the Good News and reach out to others in love.



What's Inside?

More than a catalog, the *2021 Lay Servant Ministries Course Descriptions and Equipping Resources* is a resource itself. Check out pages 6-11 for an overview of the lay servant program and valuable information about the three LSM certifications for laity in The United Methodist Church.

The resources are designed to equip laity for their roles in ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ. The "Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course" is the foundational course for Lay Servant Ministries. This course can also be used as part of a discipleship plan for other laity in the church to acquaint them with their gifts, calling, and responsibilities as followers of Christ. Consider using the BASIC course as part of your Christian education program. It can easily be divided into five 2-hour or ten 1-hour sessions. Or consider hosting a lay academy in your local church, offering both the BASIC and an advanced course.

With the exception of online courses taken through BeADisciple.com, all courses are designed as 10-hour trainings. Courses include a required text for participants and leaders, as well as a leader's guide for the facilitator of the course. Most primary texts and PDF Leader Guides are available through UpperRoom.org/store unless otherwise noted.

What's New?

In 2021 a brand new spiritual gifts course joins the robust curriculum for Lay Servant Ministries. ***For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts*** by Dr. Christine Harman helps laity connect the dots between their spiritual gifts and the concrete calling to serve out of those gifts in and beyond the local church. Through a gifts-based ministry system that connects all to the mission of the church, laity and clergy together help equip leaders to make disciples of Jesus Christ who change the world. See page 15.



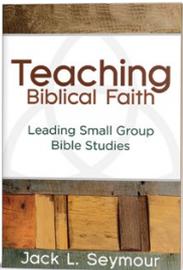
Questions?

Please feel free to contact us at: laity@umcdiscipleship.org. Unless otherwise noted, Lay Servant Ministries books are available at UpperRoom.org/store and Cokesbury.com.

NOTE: Following special permission granted in May of 2020 by the education committee, all LSM courses may be taught using online tools during pandemic, pending permission/approval by the local Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

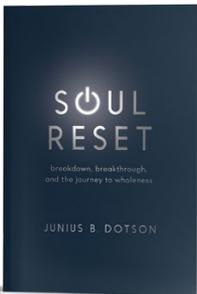
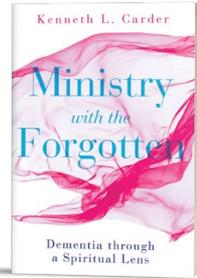
What's Coming?

New courses are coming in Winter/Spring of 2022!



In Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Group Bible Studies, Dr. Jack L. Seymour helps participants learn how lay teachers partnering with pastors can powerfully impact congregations through 10 thoughtful approaches to scripture study. The result? Scriptural wisdom shapes both personal and corporate decision making in ways that produce authentic, biblical faith.

Bishop Kenneth L. Carder's course, ***Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia Through a Spiritual Lens***, helps laity deepen their understanding of how those with dementia maintain their identity and worth as beloved children of God. Confronting the deep personal and theological questions created by loving people with dementia, Bishop Carder equips laity with practical ways to nurture and incorporate persons with Alzheimer's and dementia into the church's life and ministry.



How can leaders nurture their own souls during seasons of chaos, anxiety, and distress? The course, ***Soul Reset: Relearning the Rhythms of Grace Through Daily Life with God***, based on the book by Junius B. Dotson, helps laity discover and lead others into the spiritual power of self-care through the means of grace.

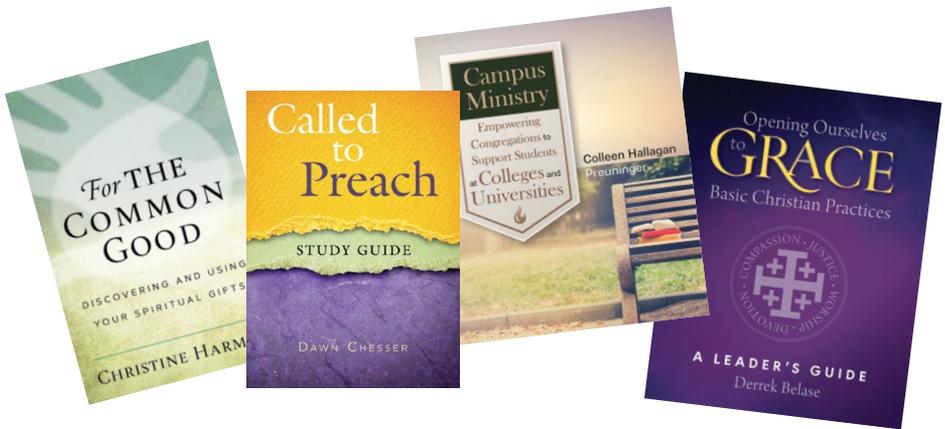
A ***Spanish translation of Transforming Evangelism*** by Henry H. Knight III & F. Douglas Pove, Jr. will also publish in early 2022.

Other advanced courses in the works include *The Millennial Narrative* (on sharing life and faith with young people), a course on the sacraments using *By Water and the Spirit* and *This Holy Mystery*, and a new advanced course on climate justice and environmental stewardship.

Need More Resources?

Visit umcdiscipleship.org to find:

- Powerpoints for teaching the Basic or an Advanced course
- Resources and information about Laity Sunday
- Webinars
- Articles on relevant topics



Ordering Tips

Need to download a PDF or order your resources from UpperRoom.org/store?

See page 45 for details.

When ordering resources from UpperRoom.org/store, enter the product number from this catalog rather than searching by title. To ensure that you receive materials on time, please order them **three weeks** before the class.

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Lay Servant Ministries

Course Descriptions and Equipping Resources

Laity Sunday

Laity Sunday is a special Sunday defined by General Conference “to celebrate the ministry of all Christians” (2016 *Book of Discipline*, ¶ 264.2). Traditionally observed on the third Sunday in October, Laity Sunday is one way we express the deep conviction that all are called to participate in God’s mission and live this calling through the ministry of the church. Ministries of the laity include: lay leaders, lay servants, lay speakers, lay ministers, lay missionaries, deaconesses, home missionaries, United Methodist Women, United Methodist Men, The Walk to Emmaus, Chrysalis, missionary service, and so many other significant forms of ministry.

The **Laity Sunday themes** for the next quadrennium come from 2 Timothy 1:1-14. In this passage we hear a call to **Rise Up** and *revive* God’s gift that first lived in those who have loved and passed it on to us. We hear a call to Rise Up and recognize and *reveal* the grace in Christ that destroys death and brings life. As we Rise Up and *remain* committed to sound teaching with faith and love, we also Rise Up and *retain* the good thing placed in our trust by the Holy Spirit.

The 2021 theme is **Rise Up! And Revive God’s Gift (2 Timothy 1:3-7)**. To find resources for Laity Sunday, visit the Discipleship Ministries website at UMCDiscipleship.org/equipping-leaders/lay-ministry and search Laity Sunday.

Lay Servant Ministries

Lay Servant Ministries is one of the most significant lay leadership development programs available within the United Methodist connection. Through this equipping and empowering system, lay servants have the opportunity to grow as disciples of Jesus Christ who then go and make other disciples.

Lay Servant Ministries can be a significant component of any intentional discipleship system, particularly systems based on the core process or cycle of discipleship described in ¶122 of *The Book of Discipline*. Laity are the primary agents of holy love incarnate in the world: “The witness of the laity, their Christ-like examples of everyday living as well as the sharing of their own faith experiences of the gospel, is the primary evangelistic ministry through which all people will come to know Christ and The United Methodist Church will fulfill its mission” (2016 *Book of Discipline*, ¶127, “The Ministry of the Laity,” p. 97).

In this sense, lay discipleship is always leadership and leadership is always evangelism—because all who follow Jesus lead others to him. Laity are called to be disciples—and disciples lead others to Christ.

Discipleship begins with relationship. When we “see all the people” God calls us to love (#SeeAllThePeople), we discover that engaging relationships with others are more than marching orders for outreach and mission: they are the very source of our own



spiritual growth and a means of grace. (For resources related to #SeeAllThePeople, visit: SeeAllThePeople.org.)

Discipleship systems driven by engagement create opportunities for spiritual growth and build new relationships outside our church walls. Through authentic and consistent experiences of God's grace, new disciples grow deeper in faith and are sent into the world to share Christ's love in mission and outreach. Disciples extend hospitality to those not yet in the body of Christ; they offer Christ by providing an opportunity for people to commit their lives to God through baptism by water and the Spirit and profession of faith; they nurture people in Christian living to help them find a true sense of purpose in life and what it means to live out their belief through acts of piety, acts of mercy, and other means of grace; and they put their faith into action by helping to transform the surrounding community through engagement in mission and ministry as they offer hospitality in the name of Jesus Christ. Lay Servant Ministries is about equipping and empowering people as disciples who lead others to a vibrant and world-transforming faith in Jesus Christ.

Certified Lay Servants

A certified lay servant is a professing member of a local church or charge or a baptized participant of a recognized United Methodist collegiate ministry or other United Methodist ministry setting who desires to serve the church and who knows and is committed to scripture and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church. This is a person who has received specific training to witness to the Christian faith through spoken communication, to lead within a church and community, and to provide caring ministry.

The certified lay servant serves the local church or charge (or beyond the local church or charge) through his or her witness, leadership, and service, inspiring others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. Through continued study and training, the certified lay servant should prepare to undertake one or more of the following functions, giving primary attention to service within the local church or charge, United Methodist collegiate ministry, or other United Methodist ministry setting:

- Provide leadership, assistance, and support to the program emphases of the church or other United Methodist ministry.
- Lead meetings for prayer, training, study, and discussion when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on Lay Servant Ministries.
- Conduct, or assist in conducting, services of worship, preach the Word, or give addresses when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on Lay Servant Ministries.
- Work with appropriate committees and teams that provide congregational and community leadership or foster caring ministries.

- Assist in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion upon request by a pastor.
- Teach the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of The United Methodist Church.

To become a **Certified Lay Servant**, you must:

1. Obtain recommendation from the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church or other United Methodist ministry in which you hold membership.
2. Complete the "Introduction to Lay Ministries: The BASIC Course."
3. Complete an advanced Lay Servant Ministries course.
4. Apply to and have qualifications reviewed by the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure (see ¶1668.3).

To maintain status as a **Certified Lay Servant**, you must:

1. Submit an annual report and renewal application to the charge conference or church council and to the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure, giving evidence of satisfactory performance as a certified lay servant.
2. Obtain recommendation for renewal from the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church or other United Methodist ministry in which you hold membership.
3. Complete a Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years.

Certified Lay Speakers

A certified lay speaker is a certified lay servant (or equivalent as defined by his or her central conference) whose call has been affirmed by the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure to serve the church in pulpit supply in accordance and compliance with ¶1341.1.

The certified lay speaker serves by preaching the Word when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on Lay Servant Ministries, in accordance and compliance with ¶1341.1.

To become a **Certified Lay Speaker**, you must:

1. Be certified as a lay servant (or equivalent as defined by your central conference).
2. Obtain recommendation from the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church in which you hold membership.
3. Complete a track of study including courses on leading worship, leading prayer, discovering spiritual gifts, preaching, United Methodist heritage and polity, and/

or other courses as determined by the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure.

4. Interview with and obtain recommendation from the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure, to be submitted to the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure, for approval and certification.

To maintain status as a **Certified Lay Speaker**, you must:

1. Submit an annual report and renewal application to the charge conference or church council and to the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure, giving evidence of satisfactory performance as a certified lay speaker.
2. Obtain recommendation for continued recognition as a certified lay speaker from the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church or other United Methodist ministry in which you hold membership.
3. Complete a Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years.
4. In the last three years, have interviewed with and obtained recommendation for renewal as a certified lay speaker from the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure, and the approval of the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure, for recertification.

To become certified as a lay speaker, you must complete a track of study that includes one course from each of the following subject categories:

1. The BASIC Course for Lay Servant Ministries
2. Leading Worship
 - Leading Worship – Taylor Burton-Edwards
 - Your Ministry of Leading Worship 101 (online)
3. Leading Prayer
 - Leading Public Prayer – Debra R. Tyree
 - Leading Public Prayer (online)
4. Discovering Spiritual Gifts
 - Discover Your Spiritual Gifts – William J. Carter OR For the Common Good – Christine Harman (July 2021)
 - Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts (online)
5. Preaching
 - Called to Preach – Dawn Chesser
 - From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon – Tony Franks and David Carroll
6. United Methodist Heritage
 - Living Our United Methodist Beliefs – George Hovaness Donigian
 - Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (online)

7. United Methodist Polity
 - Life Together in the United Methodist Connection – Beth Galbreath
 - Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (online)
8. Other courses as may be determined by your annual conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure

Certified Lay Ministers

A certified lay minister is a certified lay servant or certified lay missionary (or equivalent as defined by his or her central conference) who is called and equipped to conduct public worship, care for the congregation, assist in program leadership, develop new and existing faith communities, preach the Word, lead small groups, or establish community outreach ministries as part of a ministry team with the supervision and support of a clergy person. A certified lay minister is assigned by a district superintendent in accordance with ¶419.2.

The certified lay minister serves to enhance the quality of ministry, much like a class leader did in early Methodism, through service in the local church, circuit, or cooperative parish, or by expanding team ministry in other churches and charges. As with lay ministry in early Methodism, the certified lay minister uses his or her spiritual gifts as evidence of God's grace.

To become a **Certified Lay Minister**, you need to complete the following requirements:

1. Be certified as a lay servant or lay missionary (or equivalent as defined by your central conference).
2. Obtain written recommendation from the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church in which you hold membership.
3. Complete a track of study for certified lay ministers relevant to your assignment as defined by Discipleship Ministries or the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministry in collaboration with Discipleship Ministries and the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure.
4. Receive a letter of recommendation from your district superintendent.
5. Have all requirements for certification, including appropriate screening and assessment, as defined by the annual conference, reviewed by the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure, for referral to the district committee on ordained ministry for examination of persons who have applied in writing to be certified lay ministers and to make recommendation for certification (see ¶666.10). After the district committee on ordained ministry interviews you, the district committee on ordained ministry will make a recommendation to the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries for final certification by that committee.

To maintain status as a **Certified Lay Minister**, you must:

1. Submit an annual report to the charge conference or church council where membership is held and to the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure, giving evidence of satisfactory performance as a certified lay minister.
2. Every two years, obtain a ministry review by the committee on pastor-parish relations, church council, or charge conference from the congregation of which you are a member, or when under assignment, from the committee on pastor-parish relations, charge conference, or supervisory board of the ministry setting in which you are assigned.
3. Complete a Lay Servant Ministries advanced course or approved continuing education event, as defined by the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure in the last two years.
4. Obtain recommendation for recertification from the district superintendent.
5. Have all requirements for recertification reviewed by the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure for referral to the district committee on ordained ministry (for examination every two years when you have applied in writing to be renewed as a certified lay minister and obtain recommendation for recertification; see ¶1666.10). After the district committee on ordained ministry interviews you, the district committee on ordained ministry will make a recommendation to the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries for final recertification by that committee.

Certified Lay Ministers with Specializations

We are excited to announce certified lay minister specializations in the areas of:

- UM Parish Nurse
- Children's Faith Formation
- NPHLM Lay Missioner
- Men's Ministry Specialist
- UMC Path 1 Lay Church Planter
- Congregational Care Minister (CCM)
- Certified UM Church Administrator (CUMCA)

To become a certified lay minister (CLM) with a specialization in a particular area, the CLM would need to complete additional educational/training requirements specific to that area of ministry. Each specialization has its own accreditation body. Specific requirements for **UM Parish Nurse**, **NPHLM Lay Missioner**, **UMC Path 1 Lay Church Planter**, **Children's Faith Formation**, **Men's Ministry Specialist**, **Congregational Care Minister**, and **Certified UM Church Administrator** can be found at UMCDiscipleship.org/resources/certified-lay-minister.

Lay Servant Ministries Course Offerings

Introduction to Lay Ministry *The BASIC Course*

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.

Youth Addendum: A youth addendum for The BASIC Course is available for download at: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/introduction-to-lay-ministry-the-basic-course>. The United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Ministries has developed a version of The BASIC Course for use with American Sign Language. For more information on this resource, please contact the committee through their website: UMDeaf.org.



Lay Servant Ministries – Basic Course

Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson

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(For course resources such as Powerpoint slides, go to:

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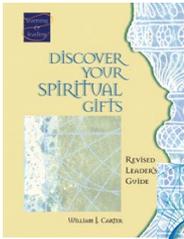
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Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

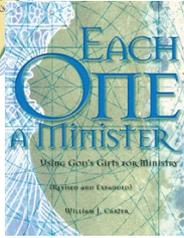
This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts. For more information on providing this course for the deaf and hard of hearing, please contact The United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Ministries at: UMDeaf.org.



Discover Your Spiritual Gifts (REVISED)

William J. Carter

Leader's Guide • DRPDF441 • \$9.00 (PDF Only)

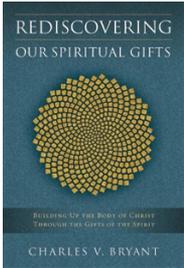


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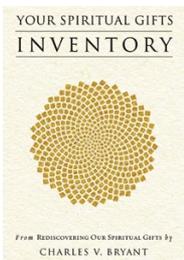


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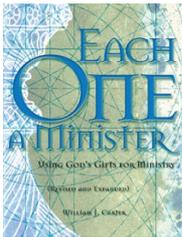
The early church knew what today's church is rediscovering: that Christians depend on God's spiritual gifts to provide the foundation for their ministry. Learn more about how your spiritual gifts support your Lay Servant Ministries in this two-week ONLINE course.



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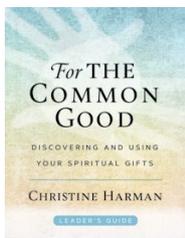
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For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts

This course offers a scriptural understanding of spiritual gifts as always given “for the common good.” By helping participants identify and link their gifts, abilities, and sense of calling, laity will learn the powerful connection between spiritual gifts and vocational discernment in the context of the mission of their local church. They will also learn how to make spiritual gifts discernment a part of their congregation’s culture and commitment to equip mission-focused leaders who make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Available July 2021



For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts

Christine Harman

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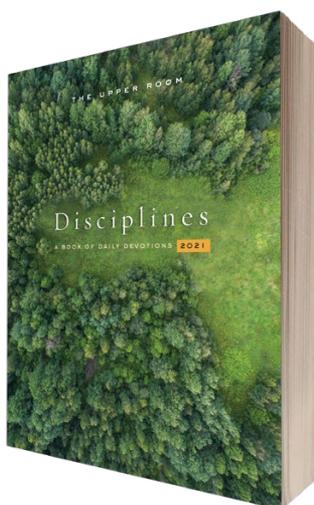


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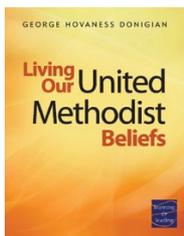
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Writers for 2021 include D. L. Mayfield, J. Dana Trent, Britney Winn Lee, James A. Harnish, Enuma Okoro, Beth A. Richardson, Rachel G. Hackenberg, Rosalind C. Hughes, Jean-Claude Masuka, Linda Furtado, Kenneth H. Carter Jr., Memory Chikosi, George Donigian, and others.

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Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (*United Methodist Heritage*)

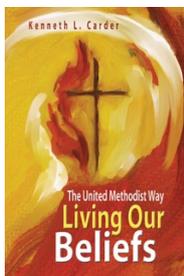
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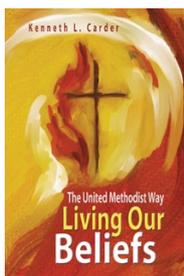
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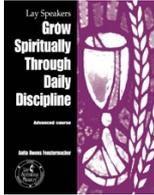
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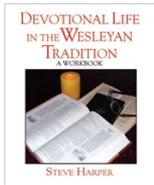


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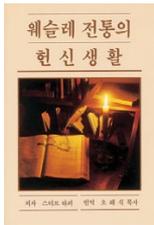


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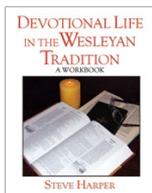
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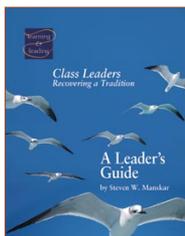
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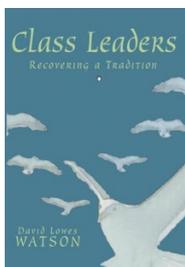


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Class Leaders: Recovering a Tradition

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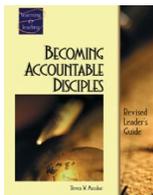
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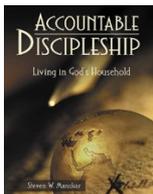
This course focuses on the concept of the household of God, Scripture as divine revelation, Wesleyan understandings of grace, and the importance of the class leader in the development of the Methodist movement.



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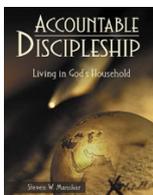
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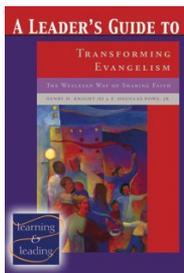
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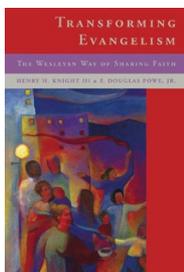
Transforming Evangelism

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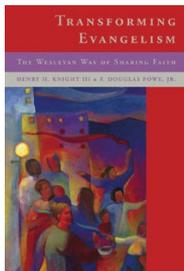
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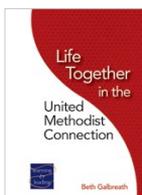
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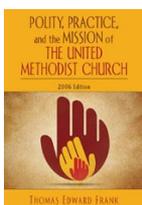
This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. *A copy of the 2016 Book of Discipline is recommended for both the online and text version of this course.*



[Life Together in the United Methodist Connection](#)

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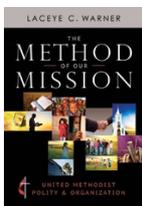


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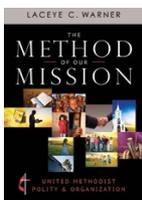
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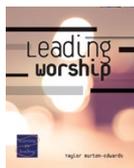
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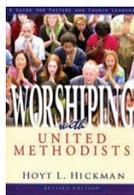


[Leading Worship](#)

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Planning Worship

This course builds on the course Leading Worship, and it is grounded in the principles and practices of worship planning.

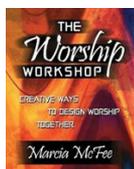


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Your Ministry of Leading Worship 101

This course will focus on basic worship leadership skills for laypersons who assist in leading worship.



Your Ministry of Leading Worship 101 (ONLINE COURSE)

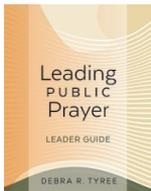
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ADVANCED COURSES *Leading Prayer*

Public Prayer

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.



[Leading Public Prayer](#)

Debra R. Tyree

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Leading Public Prayer

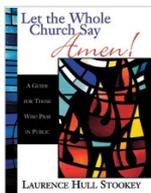
Prayer is something we learn; it is something that can be taught. For many, however, the only teaching about prayer they ever receive is modeled in Sunday worship. This course may challenge some of your assumptions, test some of your preconceived ideas, stretch your thinking, and enrich your prayer life. It will, at the very least, present you with an opportunity to grow in the discipline of leading public prayer.



Leading Public Prayer for Lay Leaders (ONLINE COURSE)

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[Let the Whole Church Say Amen!](#)

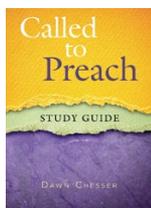
Laurence Hull Stookey

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ADVANCED COURSES *Preaching*

Called to Preach

Called to Preach is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. *Called to Preach* is the required preaching course in the lay speaker track of study.

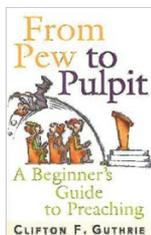


Called to Preach

Dawn Chesser

Leader's Guide • DRPDF876 • 978-0-88177-876-2

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From Pew to Pulpit

Clifton F. Guthrie

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Called to Preach (ONLINE COURSE*)

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From Pew to Pulpit is the Participant's Book for this course. See info above.

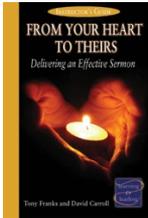
This online version of *Called to Preach** is designed for those who have not had formal preaching training. It provides a learning experience for the online environments that many preachers are navigating these days. It also covers topics like situating your computer, arranging your background, using microphones, and engaging with the camera – and includes actual real-time Zoom preaching experience.

*LSM preaching courses have always required an in-person experience. Following special permission in May of 2020 by the education committee, all LSM courses may be taught using online tools during pandemic, pending permission/approval by the local Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

ADVANCED COURSES *Preaching*

From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon

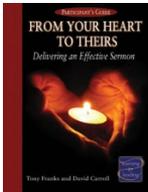
Moving beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon, this course also includes types of sermons—from exegetical to topical to children’s sermons—as well as how to find a story, how to use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper.



[From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon](#)

Tony Franks and David Carroll

Leader’s Guide • DR535 • 978-0-88177-535-8 • \$8.00



[From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon](#)

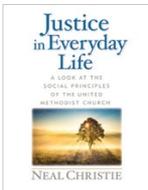
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Justice in Everyday Life

This course looks at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church.

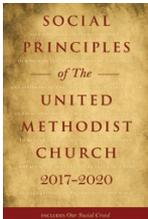


[Justice in Everyday Life: A Look at the Social Principles of The United Methodist Church](#)

Neal Christie

Leader’s Guide • DR652 • 978-0-88177-652-2 • \$10.00

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[Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2017-2020](#)

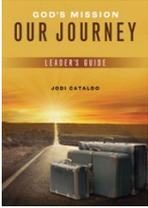
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God's Mission... Our Journey

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.

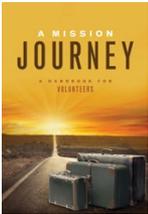


[God's Mission... Our Journey](#)

Jodi Cataldo

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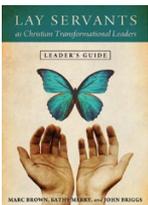
[A Mission Journey: A Handbook for Volunteers](#)

Participant's Book • 1786 • 978-0-8358-1786-8 • \$17.00

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Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders

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

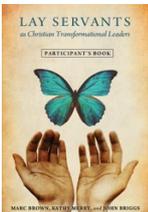


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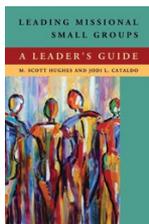
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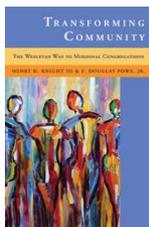
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Patterned by Grace: How Liturgy Shapes Us

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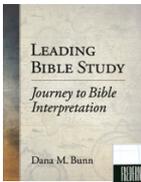
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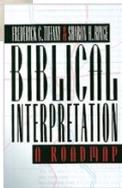
This course opens a new world for many lay servants who have not had professional training in biblical interpretation.



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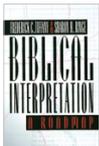
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Dancing with Words

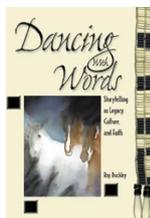
Participants in the course will learn what constitutes a good story, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their experiences.



[Tell Stories](#)

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OTHER ADVANCED COURSES

Biblical Storytelling I

This is a two-week introduction to the ancient-future art and spiritual discipline of telling the sacred stories of Scripture. Participants will discover how to tell a story from scripture by heart (not by memory), using the methods of the Network of Biblical Storytellers International.



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Biblical Storytelling II

This workshop expands on the methods taught in Biblical Storytelling I, exploring storytelling genres and telling the biblical text, including midrash, chancel drama, first-person storytelling, puppetry, and more.



Biblical Storytelling II (ONLINE COURSE)

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Children of Abraham

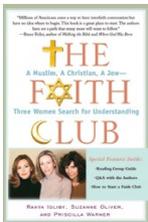
This class is a beginning, an opportunity to explore the mutual roots in story of the three Abrahamic religions. It will focus on what we have in common, how each faith's wisdom can enrich our own, and how to begin having interfaith conversations. Participants must obtain the book *The Faith Club* by Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner, which is not included in the course fee.



Children of Abraham (ONLINE COURSE)

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[The Faith Club—A Muslim, a Christian, a Jew: Three Women Search for Understanding](#)

Ranya Idliby, Suzanne Oliver, and Priscilla Warner

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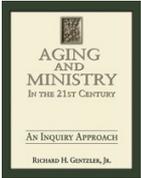
This is a practical guide for building ministry for older adults.



[In Ministry with Boomers and Beyond](#)

Richard H. Gentzler, Jr.

Leader's Guide • DRPDF595 • 978-0-88177-595-2 • \$9.00 (PDF Only)



[Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century](#)

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Afire with God

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[Lead in Stewardship](#)

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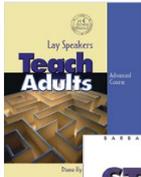
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Teach Adults

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Teach Adults

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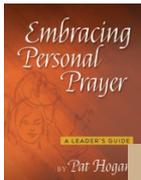


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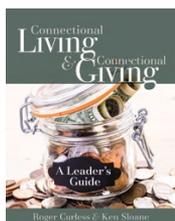
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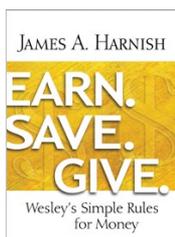


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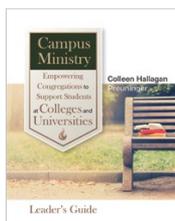
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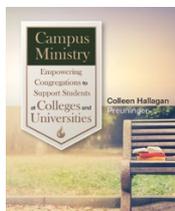


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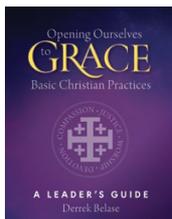
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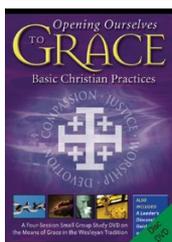


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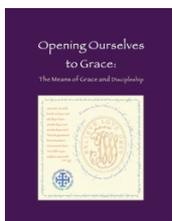


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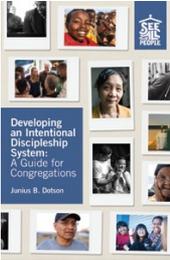
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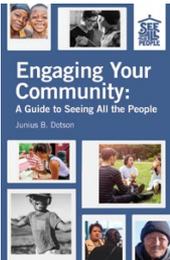


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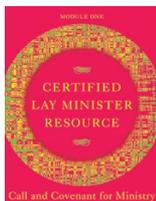
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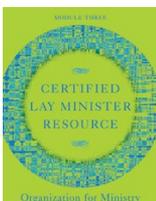
The purpose of this module is to provide a basic overview of the call to ministry, theology, and ordering of ministry in The United Methodist Church; explain the role of certified lay minister; support the formation of a mutual ministry team for learning and leading in the congregation; and develop a ministry covenant to guide the mission of the church. Module 1 requires the completion of the "Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course" and the Lay Servant Ministries advanced course "Discover Your Spiritual Gifts."



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This module covers basic skills for the certified lay minister, including leading worship, preaching and sharing faith, forming discipleship ministries, and providing congregational care. It is intended to be used by the certified lay minister, the mutual ministry team supporting the process in the local church, and the supervising clergy person/mentor assigned.



Organization for Ministry: Module 3

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The purpose of this module is to provide the certified lay minister with a basic review of United Methodist history, doctrine, and polity; to learn about the connection between the local church, district, conference, and general agencies of the denomination; and to support developing plans for ongoing education. This course concludes with a commitment service.

*With the exception of some conferences using BeADisciple.com for certain CLM modules, most CLM courses have required an in-person learning experience. Following special permission in May of 2020 by the education committee, all CLM courses may be taught using online tools during pandemic, pending permission/approval by the local Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY TRAINING

Specialization as a UM Parish Nurse

Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Curriculum

This course is designed to introduce and prepare registered nurses for the specialty practice of faith community nursing. The modules are divided into the units of spirituality, professionalism, holistic health, and community. This curriculum is taught by faith community nurses across the United States and worldwide by IPNRC's educational partners. To locate a course in your area or online, go to: WestbergInstitute.org/faith-community-nursing/.

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Path 1 Lay Church Planting

This 10-session foundational church-planting course is designed specifically for laypersons. The course will equip people to be able to work in partnership with an annual conference, district, or local church to start new places for new people, including new faith communities and planting new churches. This course is now available online through Path 1 and teachable.com. For more information contact Path 1: UMCDiscipleship.org/new-church-starts/training-Imjn or laity@umcdiscipleship.org.

Specialization as a NPHLM Lay Missioner

The National Plan for Hispanic and Latino Ministries (NPHLM) has partnered with the Certified Lay Ministry program and will use the same process as the CLM. The CLM Modules I-IV in the Spanish language cover the same content as the English-language modules but are contextualized. Encuentro I: Organizándonos Para El Servicio Ministerial, and Encuentro II: Conexionalismo Ministerial are now available through an online platform at curricula.nphlm.org. For more information, contact laity@umcdiscipleship.org or nphlm@umcmmission.org.

Specialization in Children's Faith Formation

The Office of Ministry with Children at Discipleship Ministries provides an online training for the CLM Specialization in Children's Faith Formation. For more information on the training, e-mail childrensministry@umcdiscipleship.org

Specialization as a Men's Ministry Specialist

The General Commission on United Methodist Men provides a curriculum to train men's ministry specialists who work closely with the Commission and the United Methodist Men leaders in their areas. For more information on training for this specialization, contact the General Commission on United Methodist Men (gcomm.org or 615-340-7145).

Specialization as a Congregational Care Minister (CCM) The Caring Congregation

Utilizing the training excellence of Rev. Karen Lampe and the ministry experience and partnership of laity and clergy at Church of the Resurrection, CLMs can specialize as congregational care ministers (CCMs). CLMs will need to complete The Caring Congregation's newly revised full Congregational Care Ministry Seminar in addition to their CLM training. This updated training experience utilizes new 2021 congregational care ministry implementation resources. See TheCaringCongregation.com or contact laity@umcdiscipleship.org to find out more about this specialization.

Specialization as a Certified UM Church Administrator (CUMCA)

GCFA and the Academy of Church Business Administration

This specialization is granted through a partnership between the General Council on Finance and Administration (GCFA) and the office of laity and spiritual leadership at Discipleship Ministries. The course includes two weeks of training and a student project. Training is through The Church Network's Academy of Church Business Administration (ACBA) hosted by GCFA. CLMs completing this course and the required project through GCFA will be credentialed as Certified United Methodist Church Administrators (CUMCA) in addition to certification as Certified Church Administrators. See gcf.org/acba or contact laity@umcdiscipleship.org for more details on this specialization.

Information about all CLM Specializations is available at UMCDiscipleship.org/resources/certified-lay-minister

ALTERNATIVE ADVANCED COURSES

Exception Credit

Each annual conference has the authority to approve additional classes – called exception credit – for its own use. It is important to note that the design of the courses must fit the needs of that local conference and follow the ministry guidelines of Lay Servant Ministries. Courses must be recognized by the annual conference directors of Lay Servant Ministries (LSM) of which the lay servant is a member, and a certificate of completion awarded.

To help individual conferences assess requests for alternative advanced courses for lay servants, the following guidelines are provided.

Materials must fit these guidelines:

- The subject is in line with courses currently in the LSM catalog.
- The content fits the LSM theme of leading, caring, communicating.
- The course will benefit the lay servant for use in the local church.
- The course must provide at least 10 hours of study.
- The course is participatory and led by a facilitator qualified in the subject.

Participant's evaluation needs to address these points:

1. Is the text user-friendly (readable, understandable)?
2. Does the study help develop skills in this specific ministry?
3. Does the material equip laity in becoming stronger witnesses for Christ?
4. An evaluation of the class must be submitted to the district committee on LSM or equivalent.

For suggested alternative advanced courses that might be considered for approval by conference committees on Lay Servant Ministries, contact laity@umcdiscipleship.org.

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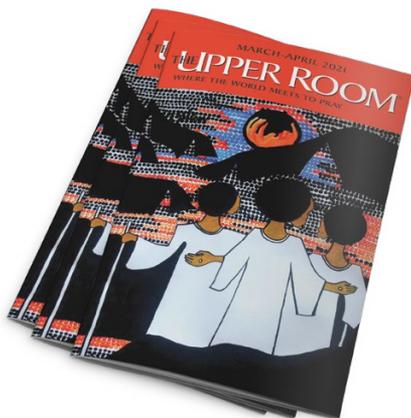


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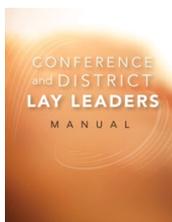
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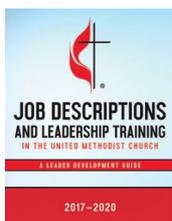


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