


UNDERSTANDING THE PURPOSE AND FUNCTION OF LAY MINISTRY, THE LAY LEADER, AND THE LAY MINISTRY COUNCIL

"BEING ESSENTIAL WITHIN AN ESSENTIAL CHURCH"

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LAY MINISTRY

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CHRISTIAN LAITY

Those individuals who are not considered a part of the ordained preaching or pastoring ministry.

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MINISTRY

To serve; Christian ministry means serving the needs of one's neighbor with *humility and devotion to God*. It is, therefore, the duty of every Christian to serve with love and joy. Ministry is not a vocation, but a lifestyle, which can be exercised regardless of one's calling.

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LAY MINISTRY

Dedicated lay people assisting in the mission and ministry of the church; it is a ministry of all Christians.

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THE LAY LEADER

- The Lay Leader has the responsibility of coordinating and motivating the laity of the church toward effective churchmanship and committed service.
- The lay leader must seek to improve personal relations and challenge the best there is within all individuals to bring mankind closer to God. . .
- He or she should be rooted and grounded in the principles and virtues included under Lay Ministry.

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**THE LAY MINISTRY COUNCIL**



- The Local Lay Ministry Council is responsible for the program of lay ministry in the local church.
- In the CME Church, actions should be carried out as outlined by the Department of Lay Ministry and the CME Book of Discipline.
- All efforts should be in keeping with the spirit of the **Lay Ministry Beliefs, the Lay Ministry Mission, and the Lay Ministry Objectives.**

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**THE LAY MINISTRY BELIEFS**

STUDYING



SEEKING      SHARING

SERVING

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STUDY  
WITH PURPOSE  
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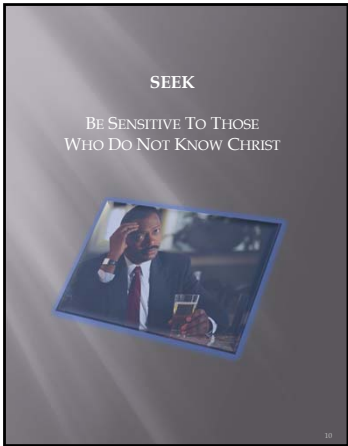
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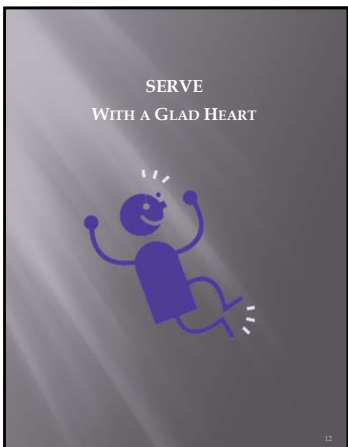
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