

**LITTLE KANAWHA DISTRICT
2020 LAY SERVANT ACADEMY**



Friday, March 27 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Saturday, March 28 8:30 am – 5:00 pm
(must attend both sessions to receive course credit)

Class Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Local church: _____ Pastor: _____

Do you have dietary restrictions or require special accommodations? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please specify _____

I am registering for (please select one of the following): All Classes are \$25 each

- ☐ Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course
- ☐ Advanced course – Transforming Evangelism
- ☐ Advanced Course – Leading Prayer
- ☐ Advanced Course - Lay Pastoral Care Giving

☐ Advanced Course - Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution Note- Class begins Sunday, April 17 and meets for 5 consecutive Sunday evenings through May 17 At Stout Memorial UMC.

Type of Study (Check one only)

- ☐ Self-Improvement
- ☐ Certified Lay Servant
- ☐ Certified Lay Speaker

Your registration for the Academy must be received by Monday, March 16, 2020. Registrations received after the deadline will not be accepted. The number of participants for each class is limited, so early registration is suggested. The course fee covers the cost of the workbook, any other course materials. Lunch will be provided Saturday, March 28 as well as snacks Friday evening and throughout Saturday.

Classes will be held at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in Mineral Wells.

Send the completed form and payment to: Lay Servant Ministries Registrar
(Checks payable to Little Kanawha District) Little Kanawha District UMC
3301 Broad Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101-3420

General Information

Please wear casual and comfortable clothing.

Remember that your registration must be received by the deadline. Due to reading assignments that need to be completed prior to the class, there can be no exceptions.

Student books and assignments will be mailed upon registration.

Limited Scholarships are available if the cost will prevent you from participating. Contact the district office for more information.

Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course

Participants are encouraged to discover and use personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the and being part of a group that hold members accountable in their discipleship. This class must be successfully completed to take future advanced courses. Instructor will be Rev. Jarrod Caltrider.

Transforming Evangelism

This course leads participants to learn from John Wesley how to practice relational evangelism. They will discover that evangelism involves not only sharing our faith with others but also welcoming people into a community where they can grow in faith. Special emphasis will be given to small membership churches. Instructor will be Rev. Ted Osgood.

Leading Public Prayer (Required course for certified lay speaker)

Praying in public can be intimidating, 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. Instructor will be Rev. Claire Sulgit.

Lay Pastoral Care Giving

This class 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 during difficult times. Instructor will be Rev. Damon Rhodes.

Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution (April 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17)

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. Instructor will be Rev. Cindy Eakle.

All classes can be used as advanced courses for Certified Lay Servant and Lay Speaker.

Jesus believed in proper training for ministry

Certified Lay Servants are required to take at least one advanced course every three years. Do you need a course before your Charge Conference? Your status as a Certified Lay Servant will become inactive without proper course work. Contact Deborah Shaffer, district Lay Servant Ministries Director if you are not sure whether you need a course. dshaffer@suddenlink.net or 304-428-8536

ALL LAITY ARE WELCOME

Any lay person may take a course for self-improvement and to grow spiritually as a disciple of Christ. There are no prerequisites or expectations of certification to participate in the classes. Any approved course that has been successfully completed within three years may be later used for certification if the desire to pursue certification develops.

Youth who are a high school junior or older are eligible to attend and pursue certification.

ADDITIONAL CLASSES TO BE OFFERED IN 2020

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. Date and Time To Be Announced.

FALL ACADEMY

Saturday, October 17 @ Mt. Pleasant UMC 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course

See All the People – Too new to explain at this time!

Planning Worship (2 people from same church may attend for the price of 1)

Spiritual Gifts

WINTER LAY SERVANT GATHERING

Saturday, February 22 10 am – 12 pm First UMC – Parkersburg 10th & Juliana Sts.

Speaker will be Rev. Joe Webb, newly ordained Deacon in the WV Annual Conference. Joe is a product of the Little Kanawha District. He began his faith journey as a certified lay speaker but heard God calling him to eventually do more. His story led him from marketing and graphic design in the secular world to telling others about our amazing Lord. Joe has now embarked on a new type of ministry. Join us for a time of fellowship, networking, and hear about Joe's spiritual journey.