

LAY SERVANT / SPEAKER TRAINING



SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

Class: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

CROSSROADS UMC

(200 Bays Cove Trail, Kingsport 37660)

1. BASIC Course

This course prepares the person to serve the church, through ministries of leading, caring, communicating &/or speaking.

This course is REQUIRED for Lay Servants, Lay Speakers, and Certified Lay Ministers before proceeding to advanced certified courses.

Book: *Lay Servant Ministries* is included in your cost.

Teacher: Melissa Malcolm, Certified Lay Minister

CERTIFIED Lay Servant/Lay Speaker Training Courses

2. POLITY

This course can be used for certification as a Lay Servant.

This course is required for certification as a Lay Speaker.

Participants will receive an overview of the structure & organization of the United Methodist Church.

Hand-outs will be provided. Please bring (borrow or buy) a *2012 or 2016 Book of Discipline*.

Teacher: Rev. Adam Love, Pastor at Kingsley UMC

3. PREACHING

This course is required for certification as a Lay Speaker.

This course can be used for certification as a Lay Servant.

This course is designed for those who have not had formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a refresher course & others who are called to preach in a pastor's absence.

Book: *From Pew to Pulpit* (Included in cost.)

Teacher: Rev. Paul Seay, Pastor at First UMC Surgoinsville.

4. THE KINGDOM OF GOD

This course does not qualify for certification.

This study reveals what the Bible says about the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom's importance in our spiritual lives both today and eternally. Bring your Bible & note-taking paper.

Teacher: Rev. Richard McKee, Academy Director

Deadline to register is Thursday, April 20.

For questions & to register after this date contact the District office at 423-224-1533 or kptdist@holston.org.

Registration for Lay Servant/Speaker Training Spring 2017.

Mail this form & your check (written to Kingsport District). Mark on "for" line the class you will take: All classes are \$25. Mail to: District Office P.O. Box 894, Kingsport, TN 37662.

Name _____ Church _____

Address _____

Email _____ Preferred Phone _____

Class to be taken: _____

WHAT IS A LAY SERVANT?

WHAT IS A LAY SPEAKER?

CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT – REVISED 2017

A Certified Lay Servant serves the local church or beyond the local church through leadership, assistance, support with program emphases; lead meetings for prayer, training, study or discussion; conduct or assist in conducting services of worship; preach the Word when requested by the pastor, district superintendent or committee on Lay Servant Ministries; work on committees that provide congregational or community leadership; assist in Holy Communion; teach the scriptures, doctrine, organization and ministries of the UM church.

Requirements:

1. Obtain recommendation from the pastor and the charge conference.
2. Complete *Introduction to Lay Ministries: The BASIC course*.
3. Complete one advanced Lay Servant Ministries course after completing the BASIC course.
The course possibilities are: Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts, Leading Prayer, Leading Worship, United Methodist Heritage, United Methodist Polity, Preaching
4. Apply to and have qualifications reviewed by the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

To Maintain status as a Certified Lay Servant:

1. Submit an annual report and renewal application to the charge conference and to the district committee.
(The Pastor will give you this report to turn in at the church charge conference.)
2. Obtain recommendation for renewal from Pastor and charge conference.
3. Complete a Lay Servant Ministries advance course every 3 years.

CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER – REVISED 2017

A Certified Lay Speaker serves by preaching the Word when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

Requirements:

1. Be a certified Lay Servant (requirements listed above).
2. Obtain recommendation from pastor and charge conference.
3. Complete a track of study including courses on Leading Worship, Leading Prayer, Discovering Spiritual Gifts, Preaching, United Methodist Heritage & United Methodist Polity.
4. Interview with and obtain recommendation from district committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

To maintain status as Certified Lay Speaker:

1. Submit an annual report and renewal application to the charge conference and to the district committee.
(The Pastor will give you this report to turn in at the church charge conference.)
2. Obtain recommendation for renewal from Pastor and charge conference.
3. Complete a Lay Servant Ministries advance course every 3 years.