



Virginia Conference On Demand Learning

To take any of the six on-line courses currently available, go to this link, select the course you want, and follow the on-line registration instructions: <https://vaumc.org/LayServantTraining>

The six courses offered are required for certification as a lay speaker. They are:

"Laity Leading in Worship" led by the Rev. Nathan Decker

"Leading Prayer" led by Norman Ramsey

"United Methodist Church Polity" led by Teresa Keezel and Andrew Ware

"Spiritual Gifts" led by MaryKaye Cochran

"Preaching" led by the Rev. Jonathan Page of Fieldstone UMC

"UMC Heritage" led by Martha Stokes

Each course costs \$30. After registering, you will receive an email with the link to the on-line presentation. You can start and stop the presentation whenever you wish. Unfortunately, there is no instructor interaction. After completing the course, you will receive the presentation slides and an open-book test. The preaching course also requires a video of you giving a 5-minute message. Once you complete the requirements, you will receive a completion certificate.

NOTE: If you are taking a course to become a certified lay servant, you must take The Basic Course for Lay Servant Ministries first. It is not available on line. **Our District Lay Leader is available to teach the Basic Course any time and place, if enough people are interested in attending.** It will also be offered at the district training event 15-16 September. There will be other offerings of the Basic Course in 2018.