



## Anderson District Lay Servant Ministries

The fall is a good time to explore new possibilities and new opportunities for serving the Lord. Do you want to know more about our Methodist heritage and history? Have you heard a call to be a Lay Servant and want an overview of what it means to be a Lay Servant? Would you like to learn how to live an evangelical lifestyle that invites others to join you and demonstrates the transforming power of loving God and serving neighbors? Now is the time for you to explore these options.

Please join us for the Fall, 2022, Anderson District Lay Servant Ministries School.

**Where:** Central United Methodist Church  
722 West Main Street  
Central, SC 29630

**When:** October 28 - 6 pm - 9 pm  
October 29 - 9 am - 1 pm  
October 30 - 3 pm - 7 pm

**YOU MUST ATTEND ALL SESSIONS TO GET CREDIT FOR THE COURSE!**

**Courses offered:**

Basic Lay Servant Ministry  
Living Our Beliefs (Heritage)  
Transforming Evangelism

**Cost: \$45**

Classes are open to everyone, whether you are interested or not in becoming a certified lay servant. For those who are or wish to be a certified lay servant, remember that you must take a course beyond the Basic course at least once every 3 years. For more information contact Gwendolyn Brown, Director of the Anderson District Lay Servant Ministry at 678-480-5176 or [gbrown1974@andersonuniversity.edu](mailto:gbrown1974@andersonuniversity.edu)

Summer Lay Servant School  
Registration Deadline: September 23, 2022  
Late registration Sept. 23-Oct 3, \$50  
NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER OCTOBER 3

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                                  Central, SC 29630

**Fall Lay Servant Academy Registration Form**

(Please duplicate and share with others)

**PRINT CLEARLY** your name as it will appear on your name tag and certificate.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Signature Required (First-timers only) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email mail address is required. We will send you a link to the meeting via email only.

(Please check only one blank)

\_\_\_\_ Adult Basic Course: First time and re-certifying Lay Servants

\_\_\_\_ Living Our Beliefs (Heritage)

\_\_\_\_ Transforming Evangelism

You **MUST** pre-register, there will not be on-site registration. We need an accurate count in order to obtain a sufficient supply of materials.

Mail this form and your registration fee of \$45.00 by September 23, 2022 (\$50 Sept 23-Oct 3) to:  
Anderson District Superintendents office, PO Box 1057 Anderson, SC 29622 PLEASE NOTE: LATE

REGISTRATIONS (after October 3) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. Refunds after the check has been deposited and/or checks returned for insufficient funds will be charged a \$12.00 fee.

**\*\*\*\*MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ANDERSON LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES\*\*\*\***

## NOTES ON THE CLASSES

### **Adult Basic**

Introductory class to Lay Servant Ministries. Covers the underlying information necessary for all other classes. Required for 1<sup>st</sup> time candidates and for Lay Servants seeking to recertify. 1<sup>st</sup> timers will be certified as Local Church Lay Servants. It discusses processes to help individuals discern and respond to God's particular call on their lives. They encourage each person to recognize and employ their spiritual gifts for the church to become what God intended it to be. This course invites participants 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 discipleship. It offers guidelines for optimal communication in leadership and presents numerous types of ministries in which lay servants may assume roles.

### **Living Our Beliefs**

Explore a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church as defined in Part II of *The Book of Discipline*. Uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as you embrace the United Methodist way.

"Beliefs are to be lived; doctrine is to be practiced," writes Carder in this updated edition of his 1996 bestseller. "The authenticity of beliefs lie in their ability to shape people and communities into the image of Christ and to promote holiness and happiness. ... The important test of the validity of doctrines and beliefs for United Methodists is the kind of character they produce in individuals and communities and the actions they inspire in the world."

This course counts as the Heritage course for those on the Certified Lay Speaker track.

### **Transforming Evangelism**

The central motive of authentic evangelism is: Having received a message that's made all the difference in our lives, we desire to share that message with others in the hope that it will transform their lives as well. Wesley models an evangelism that reaches out and welcomes, invites, and nurtures, and speaks to both head and heart.

"Evangelism is about relationship," the authors write. "How we are in relationship to God, who is able to transform us into new beings. How we are in relationship to our neighbor, whom we must love like ourselves."

Learn on your own or as a congregational group from this practical study on living an evangelistic life that demonstrates the transforming power of loving God and neighbor.

#### Please Note:

Anyone may take a Lay Servant class. If you are interested in continuing education and studying about the United Methodist Church and growing deeper in the Lord's care, please consider taking a class. You will not be disappointed, and you will be welcomed. If you have not taken the Basic class prior to attending the school, you will receive a participation certificate of attendance.

### Other Learning Options Available

Churches or groups of churches in a community that wish to offer a specific Lay Servant course at their chosen location and time must have a minimum of six students enrolled. Students must pay for the class. The class will be held on 3 days, Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday afternoon. A certified lay servant teacher

must teach the class. For further assistance, please contact Gwendolyn Brown, Director of Lay Servant Ministries, 112 Camellia Drive, Anderson, SC 29625, phone 678-480-5176.