

Adirondack District



Lay Servant Course Offerings Basic--Advanced

2023 Course Schedule

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The courses that lead to Certification in Lay Servant, or Lay Speaker will have an * (asterisk) in front of them.

Contact arlenedschmidt@gmail.com for more information or to request a registration form. **Participants are responsible to purchase books for courses attending.** Books are listed below with course descriptions.

***Basic Lay Servant Course**

Basic is the foundation for all Lay Servant courses. In this course, you will be encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended. Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a leader in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life.

"Lay Servant Ministries: Basic Course Participant's Book."

*** Advanced Course: *For the Common Good***

(Discovering and using Your Spiritual Gifts) This course offers a scriptural understanding of spiritual gifts as always given "for the common good." Participants will identify and link their gifts, abilities, and sense of calling, laity will learn the powerful connection between spiritual gifts and vocational discernment in the context of the mission of their local church. They will also learn how to make spiritual gifts discernment a part of their congregation's culture and commitment to equip mission-focused leaders who make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

"For The Common Good" by Christine Harman

***Advanced Course: Called to Preach**

Designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. Called to Preach is a required preaching course in the lay speaker track of study.

"From Pew to Pulpit" by Clifton F. Guthrie

***Advanced Course: United Methodist Heritage**

This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphasis are still needed in the 21st century. **"Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way," by Kenneth Carder.**

***Advanced Course: Polity-Life Together in the United Methodist Connection.** UMC Polity will help participants understand some of the questions about the governance of the UMC. It will help church leaders answer questions, help newcomers to the UMC to get their bearings, and

help longtime members consider the specific structural challenges the church faces in the 21st Century.

Why does the United Methodist Church do things the way it does? What are the rules - and why are they the rules? The purchase of the 2016 Book of Discipline is highly recommended for this course, and is available through Cokesbury.

"The Method of Our Mission" By Lacey C. Warner.

***Advanced Course: Leading Prayer:** Praying in public can be daunting, 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. It may challenge some of your assumptions, test some of your preconceived ideas, stretch your thinking, and enrich your prayer life. At the very least it will present you with an opportunity to grow in the discipline of leading public prayer.

"Shaping the Prayers of the People" by Samuel Wells & Abigail Kocher

***Advanced Course: Leading Worship** focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship. The course will help participants understand the history of Christian worship, paying particular attention to the development of current United Methodist ritual and ritual resources, the basic pattern of worship, the Christian year, and the Revised Common Lectionary. **"Worshiping with United Methodists" (revised) Hoyt Hickman**

Advanced Course: Opening Ourselves to Grace: Basic Christian Practices

This video-based course will help leaders embrace and communicate a Wesleyan understanding of basic Christian practices (works of piety and mercy) as a means of grace. It is designed to help participants learn about grace and the practices that help us nurture our relationship with and watch over one another with love.

Advanced Course: Afire with God

This course is designed to enable participants to reexamine their traditional, or at least comfortable, understanding of stewardship, as it relates not only to their church life but also to their daily life. During the session's participants will move well beyond a biblical understanding of stewardship and help them explore and delineate areas needing a changed perspective in their congregation's life and in their own.

"Afire with God" Becoming Spirited Stewards by Betsy Schwarzentraub

A LL Courses offered via ZOOM

Welcome to the 2023 course schedule offered by the Adirondack District Lay Servant Ministries Team. To register or for more information on the following please contact the District Registrar Arlene at arlenedschmidt@gmail.com

For information on Certified Lay Minister please email Bruce Hazard at firstglobal@verizon.net for the clergy and candidate packets. Start early, it is highly recommended that interested persons become a Certified Lay Speaker before taking the CLM course. ***Prerequisites for the CLM course are Basic and Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts or For the Common Good.***

Adirondack Lay Servant Ministries has scheduled the following courses beginning in January 2023.
Please remember that **you MUST attend all class** times and dates to receive credit.
No refunds or credit for courses will be given. All registrations and course fees **MUST** be in by the date due.

***Basic Lay Servant Course**

Wednesdays, January 11, 18, 25, 2/1, and 2/8: 6-9pm
ZOOM: Course Fee: \$15
Registration and course fees due by December 28th

***Advanced Course: For the Common Good (Spiritual Gifts)**

Thursdays, January 26, February 2, 9 and 16: 6-9pm
Zoom: Fee \$15
Registration and course fees due by January 12th

***Advanced Course: Leading Prayer**

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29: 6-9pm
Zoom: Fee \$15
Registration and course fees due by February 15th

To request more information or to register for any of these courses please contact:

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