



Cumberland-Hagerstown District
LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

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REF: **Living Our United Methodist Beliefs**

Good Day,

Thank you for registering for **LIVING OUR UNITED METHODIST BELIEFS**, an Advanced or Recertification Course as well as for part of the Certified Lay Speaker tract. Your instructor is **Rev Hal Atkins**, [c] (301) 268-6785; e-mail: pastor@cresapumc.org]; please contact him directly if you have any questions about the class.

Required Text for this class: *Living Our United Methodist Beliefs* by George Hovaness Donigian; ISBN: 9780881777154.

Reading Assignment: Read the entire book before coming to class. Take some and reflect on the questions after each chapter. Bring your answers to the questions to class with you and be ready to discuss them. The class will be completed within the two day period scheduled.

Required texts may be purchased from:

- Cokesbury (www.cokesbury.com) or phone 1-800-672-1789;
- The General Board of Discipleship (<http://www.gbod.org/>);
- The Upper Room (<http://bookstore.upperroom.org/>) or phone 1-800-972-0433;
- Some texts are available at Amazon.com or local Christian bookstores.

Be certain to file the certificate you receive the last night of class in a safe place. You will need to submit a copy of it with your Annual Report for your local church's fall charge conference meeting.

NOTE: If you wish to become a **Certified Lay Servant [CLS]** you need to complete both the BASIC and one ADVANCED Lay Servant class. Then fill out the "*Certified Lay Servant and Certified Lay Speaker- Application*" attaching certificates from both classes and send the packet for review and approval by the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure (See ¶668.3). For more details on the CLS and to download the application go to:

<http://www.bwcumc.org/ministries/ministry-of-the-laity/certified-lay-servants/>

Best wishes as you continue with your Lay Servant Ministry.

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