

Washington Region

Fall 2018 Lay Servant Ministries Academy

BWC Mission Center ~ 11711 E. Market Place, Fulton, MD 20759

Saturday, October 13, 2018 ~ Sunday, October 14, 2018

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

3:00 PM - 5:30 PM



Join us at the Baltimore-Washington Conference Mission Center for the Fall Lay Servant Ministries Academy (*formerly known as Discipleship Academy*). The duration of each Lay Servant Ministries course is 10 hours. Those registering for a credit-based course must attend for the full 10-hours to receive credit for certification or recertification. As of 2017, Certified Lay Servants (CLS), Certified Lay Speakers (CLSp) and Certified Lay Ministers (CLM) must have completed the Basic LSM Course

and at least one Advanced LSM Course as the minimum requirement for certification. CLS, CLSp, and CLMs are, furthermore, still required to take an Advanced LSM Course for recertification credit every three years. If you have questions about your certification, please contact your District Lay Servant Ministries Director(s).

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Registration Information:

- Certification Course Registration (Basic or Advanced): \$35.00
- Optional Boxed Lunch: \$10.00
- All registrations will be online only. We **cannot** accommodate walk-in registrations.
- To register, go to www.bwcumc.org > Events > Lay Servant Ministries Academy.
- Registration deadline is September 30, 2018.

PLEASE NOTE: A course may be canceled if registration is lower than five persons. Courses may also be canceled for any reason by the District or the instructor if extenuating circumstances arise. Registrants will be notified of a cancellation as soon as possible. In the event of a cancellation, registrations can be transferred to another course within this academy or a refund will be issued. Should you, the participant, choose to cancel your registration for an active course, please contact the District Administrator prior to September 30, 2018. Refunds for active courses are not available beyond that date. We appreciate your understanding.

Class Offerings and Textbooks

BASIC COURSE

Basic Lay Servant – with Rev. Dr. Sue Shorb-Sterling

(Certified Lay Servant / Certified Lay Speaker / Certified Lay Minister Initial Certification Requirement)

This course is a prerequisite to all Advanced Courses for Certified Lay Servants, Lay Speakers, and Lay Ministers. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended, and 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 their discipleship.

Please note that those registering for this class must read the text prior to the class.

Text: [Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course](#) • Participant's Book
ISBN 13 #97808881776263 • \$8.49 on Cokesbury.com

Note: The Basic Course is a prerequisite for all Advanced Courses.

ADVANCED COURSES

Leading in Prayer - with Pastor Gerald Elston, Sr.

(Certified Lay Servant / Certified Lay Speaker (Leading Prayer Category) / Certified Lay Minister Credit)

For many people, prayer remains a mystery, and prayer in public is a test of faith left to the “professionals” of the church. This course on praying in public will help the participants grow in confidence and skill in prayer, both public and personal.

Please note that those registering for this class must read the text prior to the class.

Text: [Let the Whole Church Say Amen!](#) • Participant's Book

ISBN 13 #9780687090778 • \$14.79 on Cokesbury.com

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs - with Rev. Phil Ayers

(Certified Lay Servant / Certified Lay Speaker (Heritage Category) / Certified Lay Minister Credit)

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 emphases are still needed in the 21st century church.

Please note that those registering for this class must read the text prior to the class.

Text: [Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way](#) • Participant's Book

ISBN 13 #9780881775716 • \$11.49 on Cokesbury.com

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection - with Rev. Joye Jones

(Certified Lay Servant / Certified Lay Speaker (Polity Category) / Certified Lay Minister Credit)

This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. A copy of the 2016 Book of Discipline is **required** for this course. Students can borrow one from their church or pastor if they don't own one. **Please note that those registering for this class must read the text prior to the class.**

Text: [The Method of Our Mission](#) • Participant's Book

ISBN #9781426767173 • \$23.49 on Cokesbury.com

Leading Missional Small Groups - with Rev. Brian Jackson

(Certified Lay Servant / Certified Lay Speaker (Other Advanced Course) / Certified Lay Minister Credit)

This course teaches the Wesleyan way to form missional communities and congregations. It is based on the conviction that just as holiness of heart leads to holiness of life, it is communities of holy love that participate in God's mission in the world. **Please note that those registering for this class must read the text prior to the class.**

Text: [Transforming Community](#) • Participant's Book

ISBN #9780881777543 • \$10.99 on Cokesbury.com