

Registration Form (please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Local Church: _____

Special needs request _____

Course Offerings

See Attached Listing

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Registration -

YOU MAY either print, complete, mail the registration form.

COST

The Virtual Academy is presented at no cost to the participant; donations to defray the costs of the literature are encouraged.

Make checks payable to:

UM Southern District

Return to: **Southern District Office**
213 So Heber Street
Beckley, WV 25801

OR YOU MAY e-mail contact information, church affiliation, course you are registering for OR YOU MAY complete and scan this form and send it to:

Martha at the Southern District Office
sdumc@suddenlinkmail.com

Registration is required 30-days prior to course start

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VIRTUAL - 2021

**Southern District
LAY SERVANT ACADEMY**



2021-Virtual

Through the Technology of:

ZOOM.com

(for those unable to use or access Zoom for the Virtual Academy, please contact the Southern District Office so that we may attempt to make "other" Arrangements for your Participation!)



Rev. Dr. Joseph Kenaston
Southern District Superintendent

**Questions? Call:
304-252-7985**

Lay Servants

The United Methodist Church recognizes four types of Lay Servants— Local Lay Servants, Certified Lay Servants, Certified Lay Ministers and Certified Lay Speakers. Laity must make application and have approval of their Pastor PPR and/or their local Church Council to be Certified.

- Local Lay Servants should complete the Basic Course;
- Certified Lay Servants must complete the Basic Course & 1 Advanced Course.
- Certified Lay Speakers must complete Basic & 6 Advanced Courses;
- Certified Lay Ministers must complete Basic and a 4-part course of study.

Certified Lay Servants must submit annual reports to their Church Councils and take a refresher course every three years to maintain their Certification. For Certified Lay Speakers & Lay Ministers, participants must complete the course of study provided by the *Book of Discipline*, complete the interview process, be recommended by the LSM interview team and approved at District Annual Conference.

For more information, see Discipleship Ministries website www.umcdiscipleship.org.

For additional course offerings, see the website www.BeADisciple.com.

Southern District Lay Servant Ministries is in the ongoing process of developing and adjusting plans to meet the needs of our laity. Lay Servant Ministries is working to provide enrichment/ educational opportunities throughout the year. Please keep a lookout for opportunities through announcements through your local church & other media outlets.

Course Offerings

2021 Virtual Academy

1. **LEADING WORSHIP**—Design, Plan and Conduct Public Worship Services. Led by Rev Betsy Evans Ingstrup, Deacon.
2. **LET'S PREACH**— Preaching from the Pulpit – or on Zoom, Facebook or YouTube. Led by Rev's Scott Mayberry & Rick Crawford (FTLP's)
4. **INTRO TO LAY SERVANT MINISTRY: The BASIC COURSE**— focuses on the primary aspects of lay servant ministry: leading, caring, communicating, and resources available. Led by Gary Hartsog (Cert Lay Speaker)
5. **UM POLITY**— How the UM Church works; organization and government – Rev Dr Ken Krimmel (Elder)
6. **UM HERRITAGE**, beliefs and history of United Methodists. – Rev Tom McDowell (Elder)
7. **RACISM/ DIVERSITY** - focuses on the current state of race and diversity in the Southern District and WV Conference – Yvonne Harris, Joyce Jupiter (Lay Servants)
8. **HOW & WHY UNITED METHODISTS MUST RESPOND to the OPIOID EPIDEMIC** – Why must United Methodists respond and be involved? – Rev Barry Steiner-Ball.
9. **FRONT PORCH CONVERSATIONS**— based on the video series of four current/ former WV Conf Bishops on the challenges of racism in WV- (Pending)

Statement of Purpose

ALL LAITY ARE WELCOME

Anyone can attend **Lay Servant Academy**. The courses presented will enrich your spiritual life and help you better serve your church community.

The Southern District **Lay Servant Academy** provides opportunities for all lay persons to nurture and enlarge their religious knowledge within a fellowship of Christian friends.

For lay persons seeking to be Certified Lay Servants, Certified Lay Speakers, or Certified Lay Ministers, courses are provided to complete those requirements. The courses help the laity to complement the clergy, not replace them. The school provides only the foundation for Lay Servants and it is recognized that additional training is needed.

FAQ's

1. By coming to an Academy are you committing to speaking from the Pulpit? **NO!**
2. Anyone can take any course for self-improvement/enrichment without any prerequisites or expectations of certification.
3. Any person, a junior in high school or older, is eligible to attend. With a specific recommendation by their pastor, a younger person may be permitted to attend.
4. Only persons seeking to become "Certified" must take prescribed courses.

Registration forms due NO LATER than 30 days before Course Start

**Questions? Call Martha at
304-252-7985
or
sdumc@suddenlinkmail.com**

2021 Southern District Lay VIRTUAL Academy Offerings and Schedule

Updated: 2/6/2021

Topic	Leader	Night	time	Starting	Finishing	Literature
Basic: "UM 101"	Gary Hartsog	Tuesdays	7:30-9 PM	4/13/2021	5/18/2021	"Intro to Lay Servant Ministries"
Basic: "UM 101"*	Gary Hartsog	Tuesdays	7:30-9 PM	10/19/2021	11/23/2021	"Intro to Lay Servant Ministries"
Required Advanced Courses:						
Leading Worship	Betsy Evans Ingstrup	Tuesdays	6:00-8:00	9/7/2021	10/12/2021	pending
Preaching	Scott Mayberry*, Rick Crawford*	Thursdays	6:00-8:00	9/2/2021	10/21/2021	pending
United Methodist Polity	Ken Krimmel	Tuesdays	6:30-8:30	7/20/2021	8/24/2021	"The Method of our Mission" by Lacey C. Warner
United Methodist Heritage	Tom McDowell	Thursdays	6:30-8:30	5/6/2021	6/3/2021	pending
'Bonus' Advanced Courses:						
Racism/ Diversity	Yvonne Harris, Joyce Jupiter	Tuesdays	6:30-8:30	6/1/2021	6/29/2021	pending
"Front Porch Conversations"	(pending)			(pending)	(pending)	on-line YouTube videos, study and discussion
"How and Why the Church Must Respond to the Opioid Epidemic"	Barry Ball	Thursdays	6:30-8:30	4/15/2021	5/20/2021	pending
	* denotes 'tentative'					

Notes:

+ All Sessions are currently planned for Zoom Virtual Sessions

+ To register, e-mail: ghartsog@alphaengineer.com

MSimmons@wvumc.org

+ Or call the Southern District Office at 304-252-7985

+ Registration is required so that we can send the literature

+ 'Bonus' courses are good for keeping Certifications up-to-date after minimum Advanced requirements are met

+ This may be a Southern District Academy, but all in our Connection are very welcome to register and attend

+ Questions on the Academy or Lay Servant/ Lay Speaker Certifications? E-mail: ghartsog@alphaengineer.com

or call: 304-890-1802 or 304-252-7985