



The Midland South District



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Lay Academy Participants,

All courses will be taught online via ZOOM format for the spring. ZOOM will allow for virtual breakout rooms for small group discussion during the sessions. **Class sizes will be limited.** We have room for **10 participants per class.** Deadline to register is Monday, April 5, 2021. The classes are **FREE**, but you will need to get your book. Once we get your registration form, you will receive an email notifying you that your registration has been received, and you will get another email with the zoom info closer to the April 12th date.

| Course Name | Number of meetings | Time of meetings | Start Date | Class Leader |
|--|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| Basic Course for Lay Servant Ministry | 5 weekly meetings | Monday Evenings 6pm-8pm | April 12 th | Cheryl Davis, CLM |
| Leading Worship | 5 weekly meetings | Monday Evenings 6pm-8pm | April 12 th | Laura Dyer, CLS |
| Life Together in the United Methodist Connection | 5 weekly meetings | Monday Evenings 6pm-8pm | April 12 th | Heather Fulton, CLS |
| Living Our United Methodist Beliefs | 5 weekly meetings | Monday Evenings 6pm-8pm | April 12 th | Phil Cook, CLS |

*The District lay Ministry Team has chosen these courses as they are prerequisite courses for Certified Lay Servants interested in becoming Certified Lay Speakers. However, taking the courses does not obligate any participants to become Certified Lay Speakers. All of the classes offered will also satisfy requirements to become Certified Lay Servants or to maintain certification.

SEE BELOW FOR BOOKS REQUIRED FOR EACH COURSE:

| Course Name | Participant Book info to order |
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| Basic Course for Lay Servant Ministry | <i>Lay Servant Ministries</i> by: Sandy Jackson with Brian Jackson Cokesbury.com, \$8.49 |
| Leading Worship | <i>Worshiping with United Methodists</i> by: Hoyt L. Hickman Upper Room Book Store, Item# AB526, \$11.99 |
| Life Together in the United Methodist Connection | This class has 2 participants books, but you only need this 1. <i>Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church</i> by: Thomas Edward Frank Upper Room Book Store, Item# AB531, \$18.99 |
| Living Our United Methodist Beliefs | <i>Living Our Beliefs The United Methodist Way</i> by: Kenneth Carder Upper Room Book Store, Item# DR571, \$13.00 |

GENERAL INFORMATION

Everyone is asked to have your Bible.

As always you must attend all sessions to receive credit.

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.

Deadline for registration **Monday, April 5, 2021**

Mail registration form to:
Midland South District
P. O. Box 866
Charleston, WV 25323

Fax form to:
304-342-2493

Email form to:
jimgoldizen@wvumc.org

Links to order books for the courses:

Leading Worship

Book: Worshipping with United Methodists
<https://bookstore.upperroom.org/AdvancedSearch/DefaultWFilter.aspx?searchTerm=AB526>

Life Together in the United Methodist

Connection

Book: Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church
<https://bookstore.upperroom.org/AdvancedSearch/DefaultWFilter.aspx?searchTerm=AB531>

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs

Book: Living Our Beliefs The United Methodist Way
<https://bookstore.upperroom.org/AdvancedSearch/DefaultWFilter.aspx?searchTerm=DR571>

Basic Course for Lay Servant Ministry

Book: Lay Servant Ministries
<https://www.cokesbury.com/Lay-Servant-Ministries-Basic-Course-Participants-Book?refg=lay%20servant%20ministries%20basic%20course%20participant%27s%20book>

Midland South District Lay Servant Academy



Start Date:

April 12, 2021

Monday evenings from
6pm-8pm

By ZOOM format

LAY SERVANT ACADEMY RESERVATION FORM

PLEASE PRINT

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Church _____

Email _____

****Must have email to be in the Zoom class**

LAY ACADEMY INFO:

All courses will be taught online via ZOOM format. ZOOM will allow for virtual breakout rooms for small group discussion during the sessions. **Class sizes will be limited.** We have room for **10 participants per class**, so get your registration back as soon as possible.

Each class will consist of 5 meetings starting on Monday, April 12, 2021 from 6-8pm. Then will meet for the next 4 Monday's.

You will receive an email notifying you that your registration has been received, and you will get another email with the zoom info closer to April 12th.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:

April 5, 2021

Classes are **FREE** this time!! You will need to purchase your own book from the internet. The District office does not have them.

Advanced Lay Servant Classes

Leading Worship

Class Leader: Laura Dyer, CLS

This course focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship. **Participant's Guide:** "Worshipping with United Methodists" by Hoyt Hickman

Life Together in the UM Connection

Class Leader: Heather Fulton, CLS

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 recommended for this course. **Participant's Guide:** "Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church" by Thomas Edward Frank.

Living our United Methodist Beliefs

Class Leader: Phil Cook, CLS

This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that the UM 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.

Participant's Guide: "Living Our Beliefs:

The United Methodist Way" by Kenneth Carder.

Basic Lay Servant Class

Class Leader: Cheryl Davis, CLM

This class sets your foundation for being a Lay Servant. **Participant's Guide:** should be purchased & reviewed prior to the class. I have 2 in the District office for Purchase. They are \$10.

Please enroll me in the following:
(**select only one**):

_____ Leading Worship

_____ Life Together in the UM Connection

_____ Living our UM Beliefs

_____ Basic Lay Servant Class