



VIRTUAL & HYBRID - 2022 Southern District – WV Annual Conference LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

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Registration Form (please print)

Name: _____

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Local Church: _____

Special needs request _____

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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
MSimmons@wvumc.org

Registration is required 30-days prior to course start (so we can order books!)

Questions? Call Martha at 304-252-7985
or
MSimmons@wvumc.org

Course Offerings: 2022 Virtual Academy

1. **SMALL GROUPS****—What are Small Groups? How to start them – grow them – increase opportunities with them? **Sundays, 7-9:00 PM, 3/20-4/24/2022 (taking Easter off)**; Led by Rev. Chip Bennett (DS- Southern District) via Zoom.
2. **SPIRITUAL GIFTS***—What are Spiritual Gifts? What are yours? Exploring those gifts that come from God. **Tuesdays, 6-8:30 PM, 9/7-10/12/2022**; Led by Shawn Riggins & Nancy Lemon (Claypool UMC).
3. **LET'S PREACH***— Preaching from the Pulpit – or on Zoom, Facebook or YouTube. **Thursdays, 6-8:30; 9/27-10/27/2022**; Led by Rev Nathan Epling (FTLP)
4. **INTRO TO LAY SERVANT MINISTRY: The BASIC COURSE***— focuses on the primary aspects of lay servant ministry: leading, caring, communicating, and resources available. **Tuesdays, 7-9:00 PM, 10/18-11/15/2022**; Led by Gary Hartsog (Cert Lay Speaker)
5. **UM POLITY***— How the UM Church works; organization and government; **Tuesdays, 7:00 – 9 PM 4/26-5/24/2022** – Led by Rev Dr Ken Krimmel (Elder)
6. **PUBLIC PRAYER***, Understanding and praying in public. **Thursdays; 6:00-8:00 PM; 5/5-6/2/2022**; Led by Eva Faulkner, CLM
7. **SACRAMENTS IN THE UM CHURCH****—What – How – Why - **Tuesdays; 6:30-8:30 PM 9/27-10/25/2022** – Rev Tom McDowell.
8. **DIFFERENCES: LEARN, ADJUST, LIVE** – Learning to embrace differences – how to have open and loving dialog; **Tentative: Tuesdays; 6:30-8:30PM 7/21-8/18/2022** –Rev James Reed & Co
9. (**Adv Required Class – Pending**) * – In-person/ hybrid; **5:30 PM May 20 - 3 PM, May 21** at Carr Memorial, Princeton, WV
10. **Tentative: Lay Retreat Weekend: Sep 30 to Oct 2; Program Under Construction**
11. (**Adv Required Class – Pending**) * – In-person/ hybrid; **5:30 PM Aug 26 - 3 PM, Aug 27** at TBA

* Advanced & Required for Initial Certification

**Advanced Credit

ALL LAITY ARE WELCOME

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. Only persons seeking to become or keep “Certified” must take prescribed courses*.

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