

**WESLEYAN DISTRICT  
LAY SERVANT ACADEMY REGISTRATION**

**April 6, 2019**

(Early registration is required for effective planning!)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_

PASTOR \_\_\_\_\_

Are you taking this class for Lay Speaker Certification? \_\_\_\_\_

**Certification requires:**

Approval at your Charge Conference, See attached Fact Sheet for additional requirements

CHOICE OF COURSE: (Choose One)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Intro to Lay Ministry (Basic)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **From Pew to Pulpit**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Leading Effective Worship**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Living as United Methodists**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Conflict Resolution**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Website Development**

I would like to receive Lay Ministry Advanced Credit for this course.

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The cost for the Lay Servant Ministry Training is \$30.00, which includes the materials, book, and lunch, plus snacks.

Please complete this registration form and return it with your payment no later than **March 21, 2019 to:**

**Wesleyan District  
P. O. Box 230  
Buckhannon, WV 26201**

Make check payable to: **Wesleyan District**

**It is important that you register by the deadline as course books need to be ordered & mailed to enrollees in advance. There are assignments which need to be completed before attending class.**

**One class is equal to 10 contact hours (includes pre-session homework).**

**We regret that we cannot offer registrations on the day of the Academy because of pre-course homework that is required.**

**Questions?**

Contact:

**Jim Minutelli at 304-745-3676  
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Or**

**Wesleyan District Office  
304-472-1095  
joc@wvumc.org**

**Wesleyan District  
Lay Ministry  
Training Schedule**



**April 6, 2019**

**Chapel Hill United Methodist  
88 S. Kanawha Street  
Buckhannon, WV 26201**

- 7:30 a.m. Registration
- 8:00 a.m. Opening Worship
- 8:30 a.m. Morning Class Session
- 10:30 a.m. Break for 15 minutes
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Afternoon Class Session
- 2:30 p.m. Afternoon Break
- 2:45 p.m. Classes Continue

**Welcome Friends!**



Lay Servant Ministries had its origins in the early organization of the Wesleyan revival in England in the 18th century. With more societies than ordained clergy, John Wesley authorized the use of

lay assistants who preached and conducted worship in the absence of clergy. Today there are a wide range of ministries, both in the church and in the world, for lay servants.

Lay servants fill pulpits; lead Bible studies; teach Sunday school; speak at retirement centers, to prisoners and at youth group gatherings; as well as teach and facilitate in other small group settings. Some are involved with crisis ministries or hospital visitation. Others share in caring one-on-one or are involved in a specialized ministry.

Lay Servant Ministries help Christians to claim their spiritual gifts, talents, and skills by offering empowering training. This training encourages them to find places to use their God given gifts in ministry while providing them a network of support.

**Lay Servant Ministries courses are open to ALL, whether or not an enrollee applies to serve as a Lay Servant.**

Please take a look at this brochure and prayerfully consider where the Lord is taking you in your ministry.

This may be the only Academy we offer this year, so please plan accordingly! If you have any questions about our journey together as Lay Servants, you can reach out to me or the District office.

See you in April!

**Jim Minutelli, Certified Lay Minister  
Director, Wesleyan District Lay Ministry  
Academy  
[minutellij@gmail.com](mailto:minutellij@gmail.com)**

Courses being offered:

### Intro to Lay Ministry Basic Course

Pastor Brian Boley

This course is for persons discerning a call to proclaim the presence and power of God through serving in their local churches. Basic principles of proclaiming the Word of God through worship leadership, preaching, witnessing, teaching, and service form the framework for the class. This class will include leading a 5-10 minute devotion during the afternoon.

This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices.

*Intended participants:* Anybody who is serving in any capacity in their local church or wants a better understanding of United Methodism or as a pre-requisite course for certification as a Lay Servant, Lay Speaker or Lay Minister.

*If you have already completed the basic course and intend to become a Certified Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Servant, you are invited to sign up for the advanced course listed below.*

### Advanced Preaching Course:

#### From Pew to Pulpit (formerly Go Preach!)

TBA

This course takes into account the needs of those for whom preaching is not their sole or primary occupation and begins by emphasizing what every preacher brings to the pulpit: an idea of what make a sermon particularly moving or memorable to them. From there, the course moves into how to choose an appropriate text or sermon topic; learning how to listen to one's first impressions of what a text means, moving

Courses, cont.

from text to topic to the sermon itself while keeping the listeners needs in mind, making thorough and engaging use of stories in a sermon, and delivering with passion and conviction. Helpful suggestions for resources, including Bibles, commentaries, other print resources, and websites will also be discussed.

*Intended audience:* Any Lay Servant who is discerning a call to preaching or would like to work toward certification as a Lay Speaker.

### \*NEW\* Conflict Resolution

*Instructor:* Rev. Janet Harman

Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and unhealthy, and lay servants can be equipped and empowered to help lead through those times of conflict as a time of transformation.

*Intended audience:* Any Certified Lay Minister or Certified Lay Servant who would like to understand more about transformative conflict resolution.

### Living as United Methodist Christians

Rev. Mark Smith

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.

*Intended audience:* Any Certified Lay Minister or Certified Lay Servant.

### Leading Effective Worship

*Instructor:* TBA

This course focuses on the ministry of the lay servant/minister who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship.

*Intended audience:* Any Certified Lay Minister or Certified Lay Servant who would like to understand more about positive transformative conflict resolution.

Courses, cont.

### \*NEW\* Church Outreach: Website Training

*Instructors:* WV Conference Communications team

This course will lead local church teams in how to maintain and update website content. Upon completion of the session, participants will leave with a completed website – up and running – with the team trained to make future updates.

Pre-Course work and working with the District Communications team ahead of time will be needed to facilitate this course.

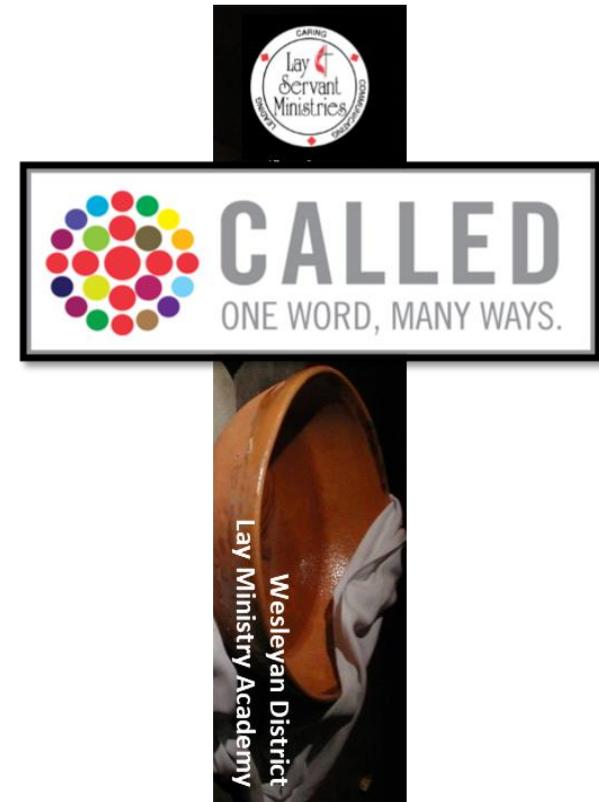
*Intended audience:* This course is open to any laity or clergy teams of two whose church has felt led to better reach out into their community via a web presence. Certification as a Lay Servant or Lay Minister is NOT required, though we have been approved to offer Advanced Lay Servant/Minister credit for this course.

Find us on Facebook and request us to add you:  
Wesleyan District Lay Servants  
WV

Visit the Wesleyan District website at  
[www.wesleyandistrictumc.org](http://www.wesleyandistrictumc.org)  
for more information about our Lay Ministry programs.

The Wesleyan District is committed to equipping and empowering laypersons who have responded to the call of God to serve as disciples preparing disciples in mission and ministry.

# WESLEYAN DISTRICT Lay Ministry TRAINING CONFERENCE Spring 2019



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Chapel Hill United Methodist  
Church  
Buckhannon, WV