

FALL 2020 VIRTUAL LAY MINISTRY ACADEMY

October 12 – 23, 2020

Wesleyan District



Courses being offered:

Intro to Lay Ministry Basic Course

This course is for persons discerning a call to proclaim the presence and power of God through serving in their local churches.

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.

Advanced CLS/CLM Courses:

NEW Storytelling

Participants in the course will learn what constitutes a good story, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their experiences.

Intended audience: This course is open to any Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister who is working on recertification.

Rediscovering Your Spiritual Gifts

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.

NEW Lay Pastoral Caregiving

This course offers insights into the life span and the dynamics of contemporary life to help church leaders reach out with God's love and care to others.

Intended audience: This course is open to any Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister who is working on recertification.

"Your life may be the only Bible some people ever read."

During most of 2020, we may have temporarily exchanged pulpits with iPads, sanctuaries with living rooms and kitchens, added words like "Zoom" and "virtual" and "fluid" to our daily vocabulary, but the work of our clergy and laity has remained the same – to serve God while serving others and to be a spiritual breath of fresh air in in our communities to help transform the world.

In a world of turmoil, we have moved forward, continued to meet and worship in new ways, and been a stable, consistent place of sanctuary for everyone.

Adapting is what we do, and this fall's Academy is no exception. We will be reaching out in new ways, via Zoom, and creating a learning environment that still allows our connectional nature to shine through. It is important that we be together, in whatever "together" turns out to be! Amen?

I look forward to our time together. More details to follow, and if you ever have any questions, please contact the District office at 304-472-1095, or let me know.

Blessings,
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Leading Worship

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

Intended audience: This course is open to any Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister who is working on recertification.

To keep your certificate current as a Lay Servant or Lay Speaker, an advanced course is needed every three years; Every two years for a Certified Lay Minister.

How will our Virtual Academy work? We will be scheduling all courses between the two week period from October 12th – October 23rd with four two-hour class sessions and two hours of work off-line.

All meetings will be held via Zoom and email, and I think you will find Zoom a very easy-to-navigate tool if you have never used it before. If you need a quick tutorial on using Zoom, please go to <http://wesleyandistrictumc.org/2020/04/13/zoom-for-beginners-video-a-great-tool-for-our-churches/>

Once courses are completed, a certificate will be mailed to the participant!

We hope to “see” you for our Fall 2020 Virtual Lay Ministry Academy!!!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

LOCAL CHURCH _____

PASTOR _____

Are you taking this class for Lay Speaker Certification? _____

CHOICE OF COURSE: (Choose One)

_____ **Intro to Lay Ministry (Basic)**

_____ **Storytelling**

_____ **Spiritual Gifts**

_____ **Lay Pastoral Caregiving**

_____ **Leading Worship**

Check here if you have already paid for your course _____

Please complete this registration form and return it with your payment no later than **October 5, 2020 to:**

Wesleyan District

P. O. Box 230

Buckhannon, WV 26201

Make check payable to: **Wesleyan District**

The cost for the Lay Servant Ministry Training is \$30.00, which includes the materials and books.