

PURPOSE OF LAY SERVANT SCHOOL

To become better equipped to serve Jesus Christ, His church, and community; to grow spiritually; and to become a Local Church Lay Servant or a Certified UM Lay Servant.

Local Church Lay Servant

LCLS serve in their local churches. To become a LCLS you must be recommended by your pastor, Charge Conference, District Lay Servant Committee and the D.S. You must complete the Basic Course for Lay Servants, and apply each year by reporting on ways you have served and continued your spiritual journey during the year.

Certified Lay Servant

A CLS may serve In District and Conference settings beyond the local congregation; however, you must continue to serve in your local congregation. A CLS must be recommended by his/her pastor and Charge Conference; must have completed the Basic course and one Advanced course; be approved by the Lay Servant Ministry Committee and the D.S.; must report and reapply annually. To stay certified as a CLS, you must complete an Advanced Course once every three years.

All courses require:

- Attendance for the entire 10 hours
- Fulfilling course requirements
- Presenting a 5-7-minute talk

SCHEDULE FOR ALL CLASSES

Saturday, February 10, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 a.m. Opening Gathering
- 10:00 a.m. Class Session I
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Class Session 2
- 4:00 p.m. See you next Sat.

Saturday, February 17, 2018

- 8:30 a.m. Sign In/Gathering Time
- 9:00 a.m. Class Session 3
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. Class Session 4
- 1:30 p.m. Talks/evaluations
- 3:00 p.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Go into the world – make disciples

The West District Office
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 4205 State Highway 6 South
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UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Of the
West District
LAY SERVANT SCHOOL

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”
 II Timothy 2:15 NKJV

SATURDAY, February 10, 2018
8:30 to 4:00
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2018
8:30 to 4:00

First UMC
 506 E 28th St, Bryan, TX 77803

COST: \$35 by January 27
\$40 after

(But try to register ASAP to ensure that you get your book and first week assignments)

Textbooks and lunch included

Notify us if any food allergies or dietary restrictions.

MISSION OF THE CHURCH:
TO MAKE DISCIPLES FOR JESUS CHRIST FOR THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD

COURSES OFFERED:

Basic: Lay Servant 101 - God can use ME? Seriously?

Instructor: Pastor Rick Sitton, FUMC, Bryan, TX

Spanish version is offered; Write SPANISH next to Basic selection

This Basic Course is the foundation for other texts as we begin our walk as a Lay Servant. In this basic course, you're encouraged to recognize/ employ personal spiritual gifts for the Church in order to use them as God fully intended. You are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in discipleship. It outlines ways to use your gifts in the Church.

Advanced Courses:

Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition

Structured around Wesley's "Means of Grace," this study covers, among other topics, prayer, Scripture, the Lord's Supper, and fasting—major features in John Wesley's devotional life. Participants will learn how they can apply Wesley's ministry to their own life.

Instructor: Pastor Eleanor Colvin, FUMC, CS, TX

Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution

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

Instructor: Pastor Rita Sims, Kosse 1st, Reagan, TX

From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective message

Moving beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon, this course also includes types of sermons – from exegetical to topical to children's sermons – as well as how to find a story, use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper.

Instructor: Pastor William Bouse, Wesley UMC, Bryan, TX

Directions

- Follow Hwy 6 /TX-6 to Texas 6 Frontage Rd in Bryan.
- Exit Hwy 6/TX-6 to Bryan Pkwy/Hwy 158/Boonville Rd
- Take E William J Bryan Pkwy to E 28th St.

Who Should Attend?

God is calling each of us to be witnesses who proclaim the presence and power of God through all that we are and all that we do. Listen! Is God calling you to a new way of service and asking you to be a local church lay servant or certified lay servant?

Reasons to Attend!

Are you:

- Leading a Sunday School class, Bible Study/Small Group?
- Serving as a liturgist in worship?
- Helping with preaching?
- Witnessing to and mentoring young people?
- Visiting nursing homes or those in prison?
- Growing in knowledge of Jesus Christ through Bible study?
- Seeking to know more about the heritage and doctrine of the UMC and founder, John Wesley?
- Seeking to experience Spiritual growth?
- Interested in becoming a Local Church Lay Servant?
- Interested in becoming a Certified Lay Servant?

A Lay Servant is:

- A baptized follower of Jesus, the Christ
- An active, supportive member of the UMC.
- Eager to serve the church, community and world;
- Well-informed on Scripture and doctrine, heritage, organization and life of the UMC;
- Committed to witnessing through church, community leadership, care-giving ministries and spoken communication;
- Willing to improve his/her skills by training for service.

What to Bring?

*Bible, Writing supplies, Textbook, Assignments
SMILING FACE, RECEPTIVE HEART
JOYFUL –ENTHUSIASTIC SPIRIT*

QUESTIONS? Contact:

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Please do NOT just show up on the day of the program but contact us soon to avoid last minute arrangements

West District **LAY SERVANT SCHOOL** **REGISTRATION FORM**

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ Home _____ Cell _____

E-mail _____

HOME CHURCH: _____

***COST: \$35 by January 27, \$40 after
Textbooks and Lunches included***

REGISTER PRIOR TO JAN. 15 AND YOUR TEXTBOOKS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU SO YOU CAN PREPARE FOR your class.

Select one (1) course: (1 course includes 10 hours of class – 2 Saturdays.)

_____ **Basic Course for Lay Servants: God can use me? Seriously?**

_____ **Advanced Course:** Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition

_____ **Advanced Course:** Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution

_____ **Advanced Course:** Effective message

Pastor's signature: _____

You must have this signature on this form - It confirms the support and recommendation of your church. The Lay Servant Team must have this to approve your certification.

Make checks payable to: West District UMC

DETACH & MAIL THIS FORM TO:

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