

PURPOSE OF LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES 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 & the D.S. You must complete the Basic Course for Lay Servants, & apply each year by reporting on ways you have served & 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 9, 2019

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 16, 2019

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

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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 9, 2019

8:30 to 4:00

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2019

8:30 to 4:00

Where: First UMC
506 E. 28th St, Bryan, TX 77803

COST: \$40 by January 27; \$50 after
(Register ASAP so you get books & 1st week assignments or pay shipping for late textbooks, etc.)

Textbooks & lunch included if pre-registered
Notify us if any food allergies or dietary restrictions.
Notify us if you need childcare; cost: \$20.

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: Pastors Rick Sitton & Jennifer Webber - FUMC Bryan
Spanish if sufficient requests: Write SPANISH next to Basic

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 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:

Transforming Evangelism

This course leads participants to learn from John Wesley how to practice relational evangelism. They will discover that evangelism involves not only sharing our faith with others but also welcoming people into a community where they can grow in faith.

Instructor: Pastor William Bouse - Wesley UMC Bryan

Leading Missional Small Groups

This course teaches the Wesleyan way to form missional communities & congregations. It is based on the conviction that just as holiness of heart leads to holiness of life, it is communities of holy love that participate in God's mission in the world.

Instructor: Steve May - FUMC Bryan

Leading in Prayer

For many people, prayer remains a mystery, and praying in public is a test of faith left to the "professionals" of the church. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence & skill in prayer, both public & personal.

Instructor: Pastor Jeff Dungan - St. Luke's UMC Bryan

Leading Worship

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

Instructor: Pastor Heather Leyland - Millican UMC

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 & 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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West Dist. UMC Office: 979.690.5627 or dkeim@txcumc.org

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 _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL _____

E-mail _____

HOME CHURCH _____

***COST: \$40 by January 27, \$50 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: Transforming Evangelism**

_____ **Advanced Course: Leading Missional Small Groups**

_____ **Advanced Course: Leading in Prayer**

_____ **Advanced Course: Leading Worship**

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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