

Lay Servant Ministries Advanced Course, Fall 2016

Leading in Prayer: Let the Whole Church Say Amen: 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 and skill in prayer, both public and personal. Prayer is something we learn; it is something that can be taught. For many, however, the only teaching about prayer they ever receive is modeled in Sunday worship. This course may challenge some of your assumptions, test some of your preconceived ideas, stretch your thinking, and enrich your prayer life. It will, at the very least, present you with an opportunity to grow in the discipline of leading public prayer.

This course counts as an advanced/certified course for Lay Servants and as one of the required Lay Speakers courses (Leading Worship, Leading Prayer, Discovering Spiritual Gifts, Preaching, and United Methodist Heritage and Polity) for those interested in becoming Lay Speakers. Let your District Director know if you wish to become a Lay Speaker.

A *LAY SERVANT* is a member of a local church or charge who is ready and willing to serve the Church and who is well informed on the Scriptures and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and the life of the United Methodist Church, and who has received specific training to develop skills in witnessing to the Christian faith through spoken communication, church and community leadership, and care giving ministries. An applicant must be active in the support of his/her local church or charge.

Per the Book of Discipline, it is required that a Certified Lay Servant completes both basic and one advanced training course for the lay servant ministry and be recertified by taking an approved class once every three years.

Also, per the Book of Discipline, it is required that both Basic and Certified Lay Servants complete a Lay Servant report with their local Charge Conference **every year** to maintain their status. **TAKE NOTE: Per the Greater NJ Annual Conference office, your Annual Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister Report MUST be completed and submitted ONLINE, beginning this year. If your district director has your email address, you will receive information on completing your report from the Conference office. If you do not have email or internet access, your pastor will assist you in completing your report. Be sure to make a copy for your church and for your records.**

The United Methodist Church has placed an emphasis on clergy-laity partnerships in ministry. These courses are designed to train the laity to be a vital and exciting part of the ministry of Jesus Christ. *Lay Servant Ministries* is designed to assist all church leadership in carrying out their ministries more effectively.

Contact your District Director (contact information listed below) with ANY questions you may have about Lay Servant Ministries. They are available to help you in your ministry.

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ADVANCED LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES CLASS – FALL, 2016

“Leading Prayer: Let The Whole Church Say Amen”

District	Dates/Times	Location	Instructor
Cape Atlantic	Saturdays: Oct 1, Oct 8, & Nov 5 8:30 am-2:30 pm <i>Bring a bag lunch.</i>	Zion UMC 652 Zion Rd, Egg Harbor Twp, NJ 08234	Rev David Schumacher
Capital	Saturdays: Nov. 5 & 19 9 am–3 pm <i>Bring a bag lunch.</i>	First UMC: Delran 32 Conrow Rd, Delran, NJ 08075	Rev. Kathleen Stoltz
Delaware Bay (Two classes offered)	<u>Option 1:</u> Thursdays: Sept. 22, 29, Oct 6, 13 & 20; 7- 9 pm <u>Option 2:</u> Saturdays: Sept 17, Nov. 11; 9:30-11:30 am AND Tuesdays: Oct 4, 25 & Nov. 29; 7-9 pm	Pitman UMC 758 N Broadway, Pitman, NJ 08071 First UMC in Millville 201 N 2nd St, Millville, NJ 08332	Rev. Jim Bolton Rev. Lew Hiserote
Gateway North	Saturdays: Oct 29 & Nov 5 9 am 3 pm <i>Bring a bag lunch.</i>	Roselle UMC 214 Sheridan Ave, Roselle, NJ 07203 <i>Parking lot is at the back of the church</i>	Rev. Manny Cruz
Gateway South	Thursday, Nov 3, 10 & 17 from 7 pm-9pm Saturday, Nov 19 from 9 am – 2 pm	Chews UMC 319 Black Horse Pike, Glendora, NJ 08029	TBA
Northern Shore	Saturday, Oct 8 and Nov 19 9 am – 3pm	Embury UMC 49 Church St, Little Silver NJ 07739	Rev Grace Pak
Palisades	Saturdays: Oct 29 & Nov 5 8:30 am-2 pm	Tenafly UMC 34 W. Clinton Ave, Tenafly NJ 07670	Rev. Beth Whaley Mitchell
Raritan Valley	Sundays: Nov 6 & 13 2 pm-7:30 pm <i>Bring a bag supper and a snack to share.</i>	Bridgewater UMC 651 Country Club Rd, Bridgewater, NJ 08807	Rev. Vicki Brendler
Skylands	Friday, Nov 18 - 6:30 pm-9 pm and Saturday, Nov 19 - 9 am-5 pm	Knowlton UMC 509 State Route 94, Columbia, NJ 07832	Rev. Ninabeth Metcalf

You may choose the class schedule that fits your schedule; you are not required to attend in your district.

Those wishing to take this class must be a Basic/Local Lay Servant or a Certified Lay Servant needing recertification or wishing to become a Lay Speaker.

To register, mail completed registration form (below) with payment to the conference office: *GNJ Conference, Attn: Beverly Karlovich, 205 Jumping Brook Rd, Neptune, NJ. 07753* OR register online at www.gnjumc.org (credit card required for payment). **Registration deadline** is October 1, 2106. **Pre-registration is a MUST!**

COST: \$50.00 per person (\$60.00 per person registering after Oct. 1st). It is suggested that the local church share in this expense as a sign of encouragement. Make check payable to the **Greater New Jersey Annual Conference.**

Contact your District Director with any questions.



“Let the Whole Church Say Amen” - Advanced Class Registration Form – Fall, 2016

Please PRINT OR TYPE and return this portion with the registration fee to the Conference office (address above).

Name _____

Church Name (Membership is required to be a lay servant.) _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Church Number (found in Conference Journal) _____

Telephone () _____

District _____

E-mail Address _____

Location of class you are attending _____

Are you a basic/local lay speaker? _____

Are you certified? _____ If yes, year? _____

Your Pastor's Signature _____

(Registration Form must be signed by your pastor.)