

Lay Servant Ministries

The Lay Servant Academy is a comprehensive developmental program for laity which helps people identify their calls to ministry and develop skills in caring, leading and communicating ministries. It is often the turning point for lay people who are seeking to offer significant service to both church and community.

Lay Servants are to serve the local church or charge in any way in which their witness or leadership and service inspires the laity to deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. This includes the interpretation of scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of the church.

The cost to register for the lay academy is \$10.00. This money helps cover the cost of food and materials.

Make checks payable to:

Southern District
213 South Heber St.
Beckley, WV 25801

If you have questions, please contact the following:

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Registration Information

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____

Zip _____ Phone _____

E-mail _____

Local Church _____

Charge Pastor _____

Please check one of the following to inform us of your interest:

Laity with no certification

Local Lay Servant (basic)

Certified Lay Servant (advanced)

Certified Lay Speaker
(pulpit supply)

Please check the class you are registering to take:

Basic

Leading Worship

A Simple Response to the Opioid Epidemic

Please send in your registration as soon as possible.



Southern District
Lay Ministry Academy
May 4-5, 2018



Prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves — James 1:22

The Basic Course is required for Basic Lay Certification and Lay Speakers.

Certification allows you to preach in your home church.

If you have not had the Basic Class since 2012, you will need to recertify by taking the class again.

The Discipline has changed and now requires everyone to recertify.

To be a Certified Lay Speaker, you will also need to be interviewed by the District Committee on Lay Ministry.

Basic Course

Instructor: Gary Hartsog

The basic course is a primer which provides basic understanding for being a United Methodist, and the fundamentals necessary for effective leadership.

Leading Worship

Instructor: Rev. Julie Halstead

This course is grounded in the principles and practices of worship planning. Whether you plan or lead worship services, or simply seek a better understanding, this class will enrich your worship experience.

A Simple Response to the Opioid Epidemic

Instructor: Rev. Barry Ball

West Virginia has the biggest drug problem in the country. We need to understand the problem and respond in kind as ambassadors of Christ. Rev. Barry Ball will explain the drug climate in our state, and offer effective ways to respond. *(no book is required for this class)*

Lay Ministry Academy
Location: St. Mary's UMC
Spring 2018



Location: St. Mary's United Methodist Church

Address: 2012 S Kanawha St
Beckley, West Virginia 25801

Phone: (304) 255-5065

A Simple Response to the Opioid Epidemic

Friday's Topics

- Statistics, National and Statewide Facts and Figures (Very Depressing)
- How We Have Felt the Epidemic (Very Sad)

Saturday's Topics

- Our Wesleyan Heritage (Hopeful)
- Physiology of Addiction (Interesting and Helpful)
- Ideas on Ways to Respond (We Got This)

Schedule

Friday: 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Register: 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Class: 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Light refreshments will be provided

Saturday: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Light Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Class: 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lunch: 12:00 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Class: 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Certification Ceremony and Communion
2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In order to become certified, it is asked that you read the book associated with your class prior to attending the lay academy. You will receive two hours of credit for reading the book.

The books are available at the District Office in Beckley.

Beadisciple.com has online courses available that have been approved for advanced courses in Lay Servant Ministries.