

# Fall 2019



## LITTLE KANAWHA DISTRICT LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

**Friday, September 27 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm**  
**Saturday, September 28 8:30 am – 5:00 pm**  
(must attend both sessions to receive course credit)

To register for one of the advanced courses, please complete this form.

### PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Local church: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have dietary restrictions or require special accommodations? ( ) Yes ( ) No

If yes, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

I am registering for (please select one of the following):

- ( ) **Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course** Course fee \$35
- ( ) **Advanced course – Leading Worship** Course fee \$35
- ( ) **Advanced Course – Life Together in the UM Connection (Polity)** Course fee \$35

Type of Study (Check one only)

- ( ) Self-Improvement
- ( ) Certified Lay Servant
- ( ) Certified Lay Speaker

**Your registration for the Academy must be received by August 23, 2019.** Registrations received after the deadline will not be accepted. The number of participants for each class is limited, so early registration is suggested. The course fee covers the cost of the workbook, any other course materials, lunch Saturday and refreshments.

Classes will be held at Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church in Mineral Wells.

**Send the completed form and payment to: Lay Servant Ministries Registrar**  
(Checks payable to Little Kanawha District) **Little Kanawha District UMC**  
**3301 Broad Street, Parkersburg, WV 26101-3420**

## General Information

Please wear casual and comfortable clothing.

**Remember that your registration must be received by the deadline.** Due to reading assignments that need to be completed prior to the class, there can be no exceptions. One hour credit will be given for reading/homework assignment prior to class.

**Student books and assignments will be mailed upon registration.**

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### **Introduction to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course**

Participants are encouraged to discover and use personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the and being part of a group that hold members accountable in their discipleship. This class must be successfully completed to take future advanced courses. Instructor will be Rev. Jarrod Caltrider.

### **Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (UM Polity)**

This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. A copy of the 2016 Book of Discipline is recommended for this course. Instructor will be Rev. Jim Plyburn.

### **Leading Worship**

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

**All classes are required classes for Certified Lay Speaker as well as can be used as advanced courses for Certified Lay Servant.**

### **Jesus believed in proper training for ministry**

Certified Lay Servants are required to take at least one advanced course every three years. Do you need a course before your Charge Conference? Your status as a Certified Lay Servant will become inactive without proper course work. Contact Deborah Shaffer, district Lay Servant Ministries Director if you are not sure whether you need a course. [dshaffer@suddenlink.net](mailto:dshaffer@suddenlink.net) or 304-428-8536

## **ALL LAITY ARE WELCOME**

Any lay person may take a course for self improvement and to grow spiritually as a disciple of Christ. There are no prerequisites or expectations of certification to participate in the classes. Any approved course that has been successfully completed within three years may be later used for certification if the desire to pursue certification develops.

Youth who are a high school junior or older are eligible to attend and pursue certification.