



**LAY SPEAKER  
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARGE  
CONFERENCE**  
Initial Application or Request for Renewal



Report for year ending \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION I: DATA ON THE LAY SPEAKER**

Name (Mrs. \_\_\_ Ms. \_\_\_ Mr. \_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of District \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Address \_\_\_\_\_ City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Church Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION II: STATUS OF THE LAY SPEAKER**

\_\_\_ **For initial application** as a Lay Speaker

1. Are you currently a Certified Lay Servant? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
2. What year did you complete your Basic Course? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What year did you complete your Advanced Course for certification as a lay servant? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the title of your Advanced Course? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which of the following required Lay Speaking courses have been completed?  
\_\_\_ Leading Worship                      \_\_\_ Leading Prayer                      \_\_\_ Discovering Spiritual Gifts  
\_\_\_ Preaching                                      \_\_\_ United Methodist Heritage                      \_\_\_ United Methodist Polity

*(Upon completion of the required course work, the Lay Speaker candidate will be examined by the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries and recommended to the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries to be considered for certification.)*

\_\_\_ **For renewal** as a Lay Speaker

1. What year did you first become certified as a Lay Speaker? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Date of last review of Lay Speaker status: \_\_\_\_\_ Approved: \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No
3. What year did you complete your last Advanced Course? \_\_\_\_\_
4. What was the title of your last Advanced Course? \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION III: REQUEST OF THE LAY SPEAKER**

I request recommendation of my pastor and my charge conference to begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Lay Servant \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION IV: RECOMMENDATION OF THE PASTOR**

I recommend concurrence with the request of this person to begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION V: RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL/CHARGE CONFERENCE**

The church council/charge conference of \_\_\_\_\_ (church/charge)  
recommends the above person begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.  
Date \_\_\_\_\_ Church Council Chair or District Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_

(To be completed by those requesting renewal as a Lay Speaker)

**SECTION VI: MINISTRIES BY THE LAY SPEAKER**

During the past year, I have participated in *caring ministries* as follows:

- served as a volunteer in a care-giving institution  provided one-on-one caring  
 at a hospital, nursing home, or to a shut-in  in membership/evangelism visitation  
 served in caring/outreach projects (food pantry, prison ministry, etc)  
 other caring activities (Please list) \_\_\_\_\_

During the past year, I have participated in *leading ministries* as follows:

- served as member of committee, board, commission, council, task force, etc.  
 as a volunteer at a community agency  
 at my local church  
 beyond my local church  
 on my District  Conference  Jurisdiction  General Church level  
 other leading activities (Please list) \_\_\_\_\_

During the past year, I have participated in *communicating ministries* as follows:

- brought message in \_\_\_\_\_ worship services  
 served as worship leader in \_\_\_\_\_ services  
 delivered \_\_\_\_\_ devotional messages  
 taught \_\_\_\_\_ classes  
 shared my faith story \_\_\_\_\_  
 other speaking activities (Please list) \_\_\_\_\_

During the past year I have participated in additional opportunities for ministry as follows (*Additional writing space below*):

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**SECTION VII: PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY THE LAY SPEAKER**

In what activities have you engaged and/or what books have you read or used during the past year to help you develop your devotional life; improve your understanding of the Bible; improve your understanding of The United Methodist Church; and to improve your skills in caring, leading, communicating and speaking?

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**SECTION VIII: FEEDBACK BY THE LAY SPEAKER**

1. Do you feel called to be in service in any area of ministry, either in the church or outside the church, in which you are not currently involved?  Yes  No (If yes, please list those areas below.)

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2. What additional training or support do you need or would suggest to further your ministry:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Give any recommendations you have for improving Lay Servant Ministries in your District or Conference:

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(Note: District Directors are encouraged to respond to any comments within this section.) **NOTICE:** After this form is completed and signed by those listed above, the Recording Secretary of the Charge Conference is requested to reproduce THREE copies: (1)Lay Speaker, (2)District Director of Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent, (3)District Superintendent. The Recording Secretary of the Charge Conference keeps the ORIGINAL. (Revised September 2016)

**SECTION IX: REVIEW BY ANNUAL CONFERENCE DIRECTOR OF LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES**

Certification is approved. Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

