



VIRTUAL, HYBRID & IN-PERSON – FALL 2023

Southern District – WV Annual Conference LAY SERVANT ACADEMY

Updated 08/07/2023

(Unable to use or access Zoom? Please contact the Southern District Office so that we may attempt to make “other” Arrangements for your Participation!)

Registration Form (please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Local Church: _____

Special needs request _____

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Registration -

YOU MAY either print, complete, mail the registration form.

COST

Cost is \$25/ course; Scholarships are available.
Make checks payable to:

UM Southern District

Return to: Southern District Office
213 So Heber Street
Beckley, WV 25801

OR YOU MAY register on-line at:

<https://southerndistrictumc.org/southern-district-lay-academy>

OR YOU MAY complete and scan this form and

send it to: Southerndistrict@wvumc.org

OR YOU MAY use the QR Code:



Questions? Call
304-252-7985
or
Southerndistrict@wvumc.org

Registration is required prior to course start (so we can order books!)

NOTE: NEW for 2023!
Every person who completes a Lay Servant Course earns \$20 towards their church's Apportionments

Course Offerings: FALL 2023 Academies

In Person: at Oak Hill UMC,

250 Main Street, East, Oak Hill, WV;

8 AM-4 PM Saturday, October 7, 2023

Living our United Methodist Beliefs, Understanding and living our beliefs as United Methodists.

- Led by **Rev. Rick Crawford**

Local Church Communication: Adv Lay Servant Training: Creating, maintaining, optimizing websites; marketing, writing, storytelling and on-line worship – Practical and hands-on help – for practitioners and helpers

- Led by: **Bill Eades, Debbie Coble**, Members of Conf Communications Team

In Person: at Bruce McDonald UMC,

102 East McDonald Ave, Man, WV;

8 AM-4 PM Saturday, December 2, 2023

Public Prayer *— “**Let the Whole Church Say AMEN!**” Preparing and presenting, praying in public in worship and other occasions. (An Advanced - Required Course)

- Led by **Rev. Tim Shuff**

The Opioid Epidemic—What a Christian doesn't know but should know – and should be doing - about one of our great concerns and problems.

- Led by **Rev. Barry Steiner Ball**

BASIC: United Methodist 101 – Introductory Course* - An introduction to being a United Methodist; the Basic Course.

- Led by **Gary Hartsog**, Certified Lay Speaker

Offered by ZOOM:

Writing Devotions*—Preparing and writing short devotions for special days or every day -

- **Thursdays, Sep 7 to Oct 5; 7:30-9:00 PM** (by Zoom)
- Led by **Journalist Audrey Stanton-Smith** via Zoom.

Personal Financial Strength— Developing solid financial management skills for life

- **Mondays, Oct 16 to Nov 13; 7:00-8:30 PM** (by Zoom)
- Led by **Randall Isom**, CLM, via Zoom.

ALL LAITY ARE WELCOME - FAQ's

1. By coming to an Academy are you committing to speaking from the Pulpit? **NO!**
2. Anyone can take any course for self-improvement/enrichment without any prerequisites or expectations of certification.
3. *Only persons seeking to become or keep “Certified” must take prescribed courses*.
4. Please call the District Office with any other questions: 304-252-7985