

LEADING

Lay servant ministry leadership has many forms. It can include leading Bible or other small group studies, leading mission endeavors, globally and within the community, leading in the ministries of the church, leading in worship, and more.

CARING

Lay servants provide caring presence in all they do. They may participate in caring and visitation ministries; welcoming strangers and new members; establishing ministries that care for the hungry, the naked, and the imprisoned; and exhibiting care and concern for pastors and staff.

COMMUNICATING

Lay servants are called to share the good news of Christ with others. This can occur in many ways such as sharing an encouraging word with those who are suffering; speaking out for the poor and the oppressed; conveying God's word through preaching, teaching, or speaking in community venues; and perhaps the most important, living their daily lives as followers of Jesus Christ.



More Information

If you would like more information on becoming a part of the Lay Servant Ministries Program, please contact your District Director of Lay Servant Ministries.

A list of these individuals and more information about the LSM program is available on the INUMC website;

www.inumc.org/layministry



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What is Lay Servant Ministries?

What is a Lay Servant?

A Lay Servant is an active, supportive member of a United Methodist congregation who is eager to be in ministry through the church. He/she is well-informed on scripture, doctrine, heritage, organization and life of the United Methodist Church and is committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care giving ministries and spoken communication. A Lay Servant is willing to initiate ministry in partnership with clergy and other Lay Servants and willing to improve his/her skills for service.

How do Lay Servants serve?

This ministry goes beyond filling in for the pastor or speaking in public. Lay Servant Ministries offer many options for serving in roles other than the traditional pulpit supply. Teaching, serving, training, leading, participating, caring, loving and communicating are now integral parts of Lay Servant Ministries. With so many avenues of training, Lay Servant Ministries offers valuable education equipping United Methodists for all facets of lay ministry.

Consider taking a class.

From time to time classes are offered in various subject areas throughout the conference. Starting with the basic class, one can then go on

to advanced classes and go on to broader service as a Certified Lay Servant. God calls us and through continued development equips us to be Lay Servants.

Just want to learn?

You are always welcome to participate in a class just for the sake of learning. Our classes are open to everyone.



What are the requirements?

Certified Lay Servant

- Basic Course
- Advanced Course
- File Charge Conference Report
- Complete approved course every 3 years

Certified Lay Speaker

- Basic Course
- Advanced Course
- Lay Speaker Courses
- File Charge Conference Report
- Complete approved course every 3 years

Certified Lay Minister

- Basic Course
- Certification as Lay Speaker
- Certified Lay Minister Courses
- File Charge Conference Report
- Complete approved course every 2 years