

# Saginaw Bay District Leadership Training for Church Leaders and Lay Servants

Sponsored by Saginaw Bay District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries



Dates and Time: Thursdays, March 1<sup>st</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>, 6 to 8 p.m.

→   **PLEASE CHECK THE BOXES TO INDICATE YOUR CHOICES**

**Swan Valley UMC** – 9265 Geddes Road, Saginaw, MI 48609 (989) 781-0860

**\*\*\* Lay Servant Ministry Basic Course \*\*\*** (see description on next page)

**OPEN TO ALL** [ \$10 – includes child care, if needed ]  **I will use child care**

**For Lay Servant credit**  **Not for credit** (Pastoral/congregational approval not required to *audit* courses.)

**NOTE: Participants must purchase their own study materials**

## Part I: Registrant Information

- I am an active member of \_\_\_\_\_  
United Methodist Church.
- I understand this will not guarantee a chance to preach but, rather, will prepare me to take on leadership roles within my church.
- I will actively participate in learning sessions.
- I will complete my homework assignments.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Your name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Number and Street

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred phone Alternate (cell?)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Preferred email address

## Part II: Pastoral Support

- I understand that completion of this course will be a significant moment for this member, worthy of recognition before the congregation.
- I understand that I am invited to the closing service.
- I support this member's application to establish or renew his/her status as a lay servant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Pastor name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

## Part III: Congregational Support

- The church council or the pastor/staff parish committee has discussed with this member her/his leadership potential and expectations.
- We fully support this member's application to become or to continue as a lay servant.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson signature Date

P/SPRC  Church council (at least one)

Please complete this registration form (or a copy) and include registration fee payable to:

**"Saginaw Bay District"**

Mail to:

**Merry Henderson, Registrar**  
**10601 Carr Road**  
**St. Charles, Michigan 48655**

Phone: (989) 447-1874

Email: [merryyankee@aol.com](mailto:merryyankee@aol.com)

**Note:** Registration deadline is **February 22**, 2018. After the deadline, fees will increase by \$10. Courses with fewer than six registrants by the deadline are likely to be cancelled.

If you are close to the deadline, please notify the registrar by telephone or email that you plan to attend and, if necessary, submit a partially complete registration form ASAP and the completed one later.

**Important:** For registrations that arrive after the deadline, we cannot ensure receipt of course assignments in time to complete for the first session.

Consider bringing a friend! Invite someone from your church or community to attend and ride with you. We encourage you to make and distribute blank copies of this form to other potential applicants.

***Lay Servant Ministry offers paths of understanding, growth, and training for leadership within the Church and the World as we focus on making disciples for Jesus Christ.***

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## About This Course

Although Lay Servant Ministries courses are intended to train lay people to be better leaders in their local church, *anyone* is eligible to take them. Many courses are ideal training for those who chair ministry committees in the local church. Even pastors can benefit from a quick refresher in some course areas. Those who do not wish to be recognized as lay servants and prefer to audit the courses do not need to obtain signatures from their pastor or their pastor/staff parish committee.

If participants have the support of their congregation and their pastor, applying to the District Committee and completing the basic course can result in recognition as a local church lay servant. It does not mean people must preach, nor does it guarantee that they will be given that opportunity. Such opportunities would be by mutual agreement with your pastor. Lay servants who have completed the basic course may, if affirmed by their congregation and their pastor, become certified lay servants by completing any one of the advanced courses and applying to the District Committee.

## Class Session: *Basic Course in Lay Servant Ministries*

### **Textbook:** *Lay Servant Ministries*

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[https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb\\_sb\\_ss\\_c\\_0\\_16?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=lay+servant+ministries+basic+course&sprefix=lay+servant+mini%2Caps%2C202](https://www.amazon.com/s/ref=nb_sb_ss_c_0_16?url=search-alias%3Daps&field-keywords=lay+servant+ministries+basic+course&sprefix=lay+servant+mini%2Caps%2C202)



Have you ever thought, “I want to grow as a follower of Jesus and better understand how to use my gifts in ministry”? We are all called to proclaim God’s wonder and works in the environments where we work, serve, learn, socialize, and engage in recreational activities. Answering the spiritual nudges to put faith in action and represent Christ in our daily lives presents unique opportunities to serve both God and neighbor. Your service can be as unique as you and your spiritual gifts.

The basic course for Lay Speaking (Servant) Ministries guides you in discovering and developing your gifts of caring, leading, and communicating, and putting these to use. Sessions take you through thoughtful reflection on what makes a congregation an outpost for mission and transformation, and the role you can play—whether or not you think public speaking is one of your gifts.

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