

Catawba Valley District 2017 Lay Servant Ministry Training



Sundays: September 10, 17, 24, October 1
3:00 – 5:30 pm

Bradley Memorial UMC
1425 W. Franklin Blvd.
Gastonia, NC 28052

Attendance will be **required** all four days in order to complete the 10 hours needed for certification. Snacks will be provided.

Basic Course offered: (for those who have never attended a Lay Servant class, or for those for whom their last Lay Servant class was completed prior to 2014)

- **Basic Lay Servant Class**
Text: *Lay Servant Ministries* by Sandy Ziegler Jackson and Brian Jackson
Instructor: Pete Ross

Advanced Level Courses offered: (for those who have completed a Lay Servant training class since 2014).

- **Preaching**
Text: *From Your Heart to Theirs* by Tony Franks and David Carroll
Instructor: Rev. Teresa Blanton
- **Accountable Discipleship**
Text: *Accountable Discipleship* by Steven W. Manskar
Instructors: Jesse Caldwell and Dick Strachan

All textbooks will be provided for you prior to the class with assignments from your instructors.

Please read the registration form and the "Lay Servant Ministry at a Glance" handout before completing the Registration Form. Complete the form carefully and mail it along with your check or money order for \$25 to the district office (address on the form). No cash will be accepted.

Space is limited, so please rank the advanced classes in the order of your preference. Every attempt will be made to give you your first choice. **Please register early! No registrations will be accepted that are postmarked after August 24, 2017.**

Questions? Please contact George Eubanks, District Lay Servant Leadership Team Chair, at 704-263-2562 (H) or 704-813-9966 (C).

Lay Servant Ministries at a Glance

What is a Certified Lay Servant? (2016 United Methodist Discipline ¶1266)

1. A certified lay servant is a professing member of a local church or charge ... who desires to serve the Church and who knows and is committed to Scripture and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church and who has received specific training to witness to the Christian faith through spoken communication, to lead within a church and community, and to provide caring ministry.

2. The certified lay servant serves the local church or charge (or beyond the local church or charge) in ways in which his or her witness, leadership, and service inspires others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. The certified lay servant, through continued study and training, should prepare to undertake one or more of the following functions, giving primary attention to service within the local church or charge, United Methodist collegiate ministry, or other United Methodist ministry setting:

- Provide leadership, assistance, and support to the program emphases of the church or other United Methodist ministry.
- Lead meetings for prayer, training, study, and discussion when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on Lay Servant Ministries.
- Conduct, or assist in conducting, services of worship, preach the Word, or give addresses when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on Lay Servant Ministries.
- Work with appropriate committees and teams which provide congregational and community leadership or foster caring ministries.
- Assist in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion upon request by a pastor.
- Teach the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of The United Methodist Church.

3. One may be recognized as a certified lay servant by the district or conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries after he or she has:

- Obtained recommendation from the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church or other United Methodist ministry in which he or she holds membership.
- Completed the Lay Servant Ministries BASIC course.
- Completed a Lay Servant Ministries advanced course.
- Applied to and had qualifications reviewed by the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure (See ¶ 668.3).

4. Recognition as a certified lay servant may be renewed annually by the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure, after the certified lay servant has:

- Submitted an annual report and renewal application to the charge conference or church council and to the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure, giving evidence of satisfactory performance as a certified lay servant.
- Obtained recommendation for renewal from the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church or other United Methodist ministry in which he or she holds membership.
- Completed a Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years.

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(Complete this page and return it with your \$25 fee to the District Office)

Name:			
Street Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Home phone:		Cell phone:	
Email:			
Church:			
Place a check beside the class you will be attending:			
<input type="checkbox"/>	Basic Lay Servant Training <i>(for those who have never attended a lay servant class, or for whom it has been prior to 2014 since their last training class)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Preaching <i>(you must have taken a Lay Servant Training class within the last 3 years to register for this class)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Accountable Discipleship <i>(you must have taken a Lay Servant Training class within the last 3 years to register for this class)</i>		

Cost for each Lay Servant course is \$25. Make checks payable to **Catawba Valley District WNCC UMC**. Designate your check for "**Lay Servant Training.**"

Print this page of the form and return it, along with your check or money order, to:

Jana Alexander
Catawba Valley District Office UMC
166 East Main Ave.
Gastonia, NC 28052

Deadline for registration is August 24, 2017. Forms must be postmarked or received in the District Office by August 24 or they will be returned.

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