

SPRING 2022 LAY MINISTRY ACADEMY

April 2, 2022

Opening Worship: 8am

Wesleyan District



West Virginia Wesleyan College

Wesley Chapel

59 College Avenue; Buckhannon, WV

Courses being offered:

Intro to Lay Ministry Basic Course

This course is for persons discerning a call to proclaim the presence and power of God through serving in their local churches.

Intended participants: Anybody who is serving in any capacity in their local church or wants a better understanding of United Methodism or as a pre-requisite course for certification as a Lay Servant, Lay Speaker or Lay Minister.

Advanced CLS/CLM Courses:

Storytelling

Participants in the course will learn what constitutes a good story, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their experiences.

Intended audience: This course is open to anyone interested, especially the Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister who is working on recertification.

Advanced Preaching: Delivering an Effective Sermon

Moving beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon, this course also includes types of sermons—from exegetical to topical to children’s sermons—as well as how to find a story, how to use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper

Intended audience: This course DOES NOT meet the requirement for certification as a Lay Speaker, but is open to any Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister who is working on recertification.

“Your life may be the only Bible some people ever read.”

Growing up, my mom sang with my grandmother and aunt in a gospel group called the Emmaus Way Singers. One of their “signature” songs was a 60s gospel tune, written by a Catholic priest, called “They’ll Know We Are Christians.”

“They’ll know that we our Christians ...by our love, by our love; yes, they’ll know that we are Christians...by our love.”

To me, in order to live God’s best, we must learn to be people of action who not only hear the word, but respond in righteousness...and love, to all those around us.

During most of the past two+ years, we may have temporarily exchanged pulpits with iPads, sanctuaries with living rooms and kitchens, added words like “Zoom” and “virtual” and “fluid” to our daily vocabulary, but the work of our clergy and laity has remained the same – to serve God while serving others and to be a spiritual breath of fresh air in in our communities to help transform the world.

I am so looking forward to our time together! If you ever have any questions, please contact the District office at 304-472-1095, or let me know.

Blessings,

Jim Minutelli, CLM

Director of Lay Ministry

Wesleyan District

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United Methodist Polity

This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church.

Intended audience: This course is required for certification as a Lay Speaker and is also open to anybody who is interested, especially the Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister who is working on recertification.

Spiritual Gifts - *Updated Course for 2022*

This course offers a scriptural understanding of spiritual gifts as always given “for the common good.” By helping participants identify and link their gifts, abilities, and sense of calling, laity will learn the powerful connection between spiritual gifts and vocational discernment in the context of the mission of their local church. They will also learn how to make spiritual gifts discernment a part of their congregation’s culture and commitment to equip mission-focused leaders who make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Intended audience: This course is required for certification as a Lay Speaker and is also open to anybody who is interested, especially the Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister who is working on recertification.

NEW - Campus Ministry: Empowering Congregations to Support College Students

This course helps lay servants understand and communicate the key role played by local churches in nourishing the spiritual lives of college students through campus ministries.

Intended audience: This course is open to anybody interested, especially the Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister who is working on recertification.

NEW - Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia through a Spiritual Lens

This course will equip lay servants & lay ministers to lead their congregations in ministry with people with dementia and those who care for them. It will enable participants to learn about dementia, see people with dementia as disciples of Jesus, and discover how to relate to them in a helpful manner.

Intended audience: This course is open to anybody interested, especially the Certified Lay Servant or Certified Lay Minister who is working on recertification.

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ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

LOCAL CHURCH _____

PASTOR _____

Are you taking this class for Lay Speaker Certification? _____

CHOICE OF COURSE: (Choose One)
_____ **Intro to Lay Ministry (Basic)**

_____ **Storytelling**

_____ **Preaching**

_____ **UM Polity**

_____ **Storytelling**

_____ **Spiritual Gifts**

_____ **Campus Ministries**

_____ **Ministry with the Forgotten**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED
@ the WVWC Cafeteria

Please complete this registration form and return it with your payment no later than **March 25, 2022 to:**

Wesleyan District
P. O. Box 230
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Make check payable to: **Wesleyan District**

To keep your certificate current as a Lay Servant or Lay Speaker, an advanced course is needed every three years; Every two years for a Certified Lay Minister. One class is equal to 10 contact hours (includes pre-session homework).

The cost for the Lay Servant Ministry Training is \$30.00, which includes the materials, books & lunch.