

LITTLE KANAWHA DISTRICT
2023 FALL LAY SERVANT ACADEMY



Saturday, October 28 - 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Class Registration Form

PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____

Mailing address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip _____

Cell/ Home Phone _____ E-mail: _____

Local church: _____ Pastor: _____

I am registering for (please select one of the following): \$10 each Registration Fee

- Intro to Methodist Ministry: The BASIC Course*
- Advanced course – Leading Worship*
- Advanced course -- Go Preach*
- Advanced course -- “Why We Methodists Do What We Do” (AKA Life Together in the UM Connection (Polity) *

*Required courses for Certified Lay Speaker track of study.

Homework: Lay Speaker Classes are required to provide 10 hours of instruction and study. Reading assignments and prior study (2 hours) will be necessary.

Your registration for the Academy must be received by Friday, October 20. The number of participants for each class is limited, so early registration is suggested.

Classes will be held at Stout Memorial United Methodist Church, 3329 Broad Street, Parkersburg, WV. [Directions](#)

Send the completed form and payment to:
(Checks payable to Little Kanawha District)

Lay Servant Ministries Registrar
Little Kanawha District UMC
3301 Broad Street
Parkersburg, WV 26101-3420

Scholarships are available if the cost will prevent you from participating. Contact the district office for more information.

Course Descriptions

Intro to Lay Ministry: The BASIC Course Instructor: Pam Braden

Participants are encouraged to discover and use personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

Book: *Lay Servant Ministries: Basic Course Participant's Book* – No cost. The free paperback book will be mailed to you after registering.

Leading Worship Instructor: Pastor Kerry Bart

This course is for those who assist with planning and leading worship services at your church. The emphasis will be on how technology can assist in providing online worship experiences for those who are unable to attend in person. The course will detail the usual elements of a worship service following the lectionary, hymnal, and other resources.

Book: Instructor-Provided Resources (no cost)

“Why We Methodists Do What We Do” Life Together in the UM Connection (Polity) Instructor: Pastor Cindy Eakle

The United Methodist Church provides connections among local churches, districts, Conferences, and the General Church. This course will explain how those connections help us individually and collectively by reviewing the overall structure and organization of the United Methodist Church. A copy of the 2016 *Book of Discipline* is recommended for this class. Your church should have a copy that can be borrowed for this class.

Book: *The Method of our Mission*

[Amazon](#) [Cokesbury](#) – Available in paperback and Kindle.

Go Preach! Instructor: Pastor Ed Craft

This course is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called to preach in a pastor's absence. This is a required course in the lay speaker track of study.

Book: *Called to Preach* (Lawson) and instructor-provided materials.

[Amazon](#) [Cokesbury](#) – Available in paperback, Audible, and Kindle