# Anderson District
# Lay Servant Ministries

It's a summer of change, full of new possibilities and new opportunities for serving the Lord. Have you heard a call to be a Lay Servant and want an overview of what it means to be a Lay Servant? Do you know what your spiritual gifts are and how to use them? Can you tell the story of your faith journey in a meaningful way? Now is the time for you to explore these options.

Please join us for a special Summer Anderson District Lay Servant Ministries School.

Where: South Main Chapel & Mercy Center, Anderson

When: August 19 and 20, 2017

Courses offered: Basic Lay Servant Ministry, Spiritual Gifts, and Story Telling.

Cost: $45 if registered before July 1, $50 if registered between July 1st and July 4th.

Classes are open to everyone, regardless of whether or not they are interested in becoming a certified lay servant. For those who are or wish to be a certified lay servant, remember that you must take a course beyond the Basic course at least once every 3 years.

For further information, contact Gwendolyn Brown, Anderson District Director of Lay Servant Ministries, (678) 480-5176 or gbrown1974@andersonuniversity.edu.

Spring Lay Servant School
Registration Deadline: July 1, 2017
Late Registration deadline: July 4, 2017

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| Dates and Times: | August 19, 2017 | 9:00am - 5:00pm |
| | August 20, 2017 | 3:00pm-7:00pm |
| | Closing ceremony: August 20, 6:15pm | |
| Cost: | $45.00, late registration $50.00 | |
| Location: | South Main Chapel & Mercy Center<br>2408 South Main Street<br>Anderson, SC 29624 | |

## Fall Lay Servant School Registration Form

(Please duplicate and share with others)

PRINT CLEARLY your name as it will appear on your name tag and certificate.

Name_____Phone_____

Address_____

City_____Zip_____

Email Address _____

Church _____City _____

Pastor's Signature Required (First-timers only) _____

(Please check only one blank)

_____Adult Basic Course: First time and re-cert Lay Servants

_____Spiritual Gifts

_____Tell Stories

Please pre-register, there will not be on-site registration. We need an accurate count in order to obtain a sufficient supply of materials.

Mail this form and your registration fee of $45.00 by July 1 to: Anderson District Superintendents office, PO Box 1057 Anderson, SC 29622 PLEASE NOTE: The registration fee will be $50.00 for forms postmarked after July 1, and only be honored if space available. Registration forms postmarked after July 4 will not be accepted; your fees will be returned. Refunds after the check has been deposited and/or checks returned for insufficient funds will be charged a $12.00 fee.

****MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO ANDERSON LAY SPEAKING MINIS5RIES****

NOTE ON THE CLASSES

**Adult Basic**

Introductory class to Lay Servant Ministries. Covers the underlying information necessary for all other classes. Required for 1st time candidates and for Lay Servants seeking to recertify. 1st timers will be certified as Local Church Lay Servants.

**Spiritual Gifts**

This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts. This is a required course for the lay speaker track.

**Story Telling**

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

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Please Note:

Anyone may take a Lay Servant class. If you are interested in continuing education and studying about the United Methodist Church and growing deeper in the Lord's care, please consider taking a class. You will not be disappointed, and you will be welcomed. At the end of the class you will be receiving a participation certificate of attendance only if you have not taken the Basic class prior to attending the school.

Other Learning Options Available

Churches or groups of churches in a community that wish to offer a specific Lay Servant course at their chosen location and time must have a minimum of six students enrolled. Students must pay for the class. The class will be held on two days, Friday evening and Saturday. A certified lay servant teacher must teach the class. For further assistance, please contact Gwendolyn Brown, Director of Lay Servant Ministries, 112 Camellia Drive, Anderson, SC. 29625 phone 678-480-5176, or the District Office, 864-226-6649