



## Anderson District Lay Servant Ministries

As the pandemic ebbs and flows, it's a good time to explore new possibilities and new opportunities for serving the Lord. How do we sing the Lord's song in a different place? The same way we've always done, by loving God and taking care of each other. Have you heard a call to be a Lay Servant and want an overview of what it means to be a Lay Servant? Would you like to learn how to craft a better sermon? Do you want to help your congregation grow more vital? Now is the time for you to explore these options.

Please join us for the Fall 2021 *Anderson District Lay Servant Ministries School*.

Where: Pendleton United Methodist Church

When: Oct 8, 2021 - 6 pm - 9 pm  
October 9, 2021 - 9 am - 3 pm  
October 10, 2021 - 3 pm - 7 pm\*

\*Closing worship will be from 6:15 pm - 7 pm, and you may invite guests to join us for that

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Courses offered:

Basic Lay Servant Ministry

From Your Heart to Theirs

Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders

Cost: \$50 Late Registration \$55

Classes are open to everyone, whether you are interested or not 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 more information contact Gwendolyn Brown, Director of the Anderson District Lay Servant Ministry at 678-480-5176 or [gbrown1974@andersonuniversity.edu](mailto:gbrown1974@andersonuniversity.edu)

Fall Lay Servant School  
Registration Deadline: September 6, 2021  
No Registrations Accepted After September 11, 2021

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Location:                   Pendleton UMC  
                                  217 S. Broad Street  
                                  Pendleton, SC 29670

**Fall Lay Servant Academy 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) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Email mail address is required. We will send you information about the class electronically.

(Please check only one blank)

\_\_\_\_Adult Basic Course: First time and re-certifying Lay Servants

\_\_\_\_From Your Heart to Theirs (required for Lay Speaker track)

\_\_\_\_Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders

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 \$50.00 by October 6, 2021 to: Anderson District office, PO Box 1057 Anderson, SC 29622 PLEASE NOTE: LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. 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 SERVANT MINISTRIES\*\*\*\*

## NOTES ON THE CLASSES

### **Adult Basic**

Introductory class to Lay Servant Ministries. Covers the underlying information necessary for all other classes. Required for 1<sup>st</sup> time candidates and for Lay Servants seeking to recertify. 1<sup>st</sup> timers will be certified as Local Church Lay Servants. It discusses processes to help individuals discern and respond to God's particular call on their lives. They encourage each person to recognize and employ their spiritual gifts for the church to become what God intended it to be. This course invites participants 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 discipleship. It offers guidelines for optimal communication in leadership and presents numerous types of ministries in which lay servants may assume roles.

### **From Your Heart to Theirs**

An advanced course in preaching, for those who have already become accustomed to speaking. It will include preparation and delivery of a sermon as part of the training. This can count as the Preaching course for the Lay Speaker Track.

### **Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders**

This is a new course designed for lay servants seeking to be more empowered to lead their congregations toward vitality.

#### 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. If you have not taken the Basic class prior to attending the school, you will receive a participation certificate of attendance.

#### 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.