



Anderson District Lay Servant Ministries

Spring is a good time to explore new possibilities and new opportunities for serving the Lord. Do you want to know more about how the Methodist Church functions? Would you like to know more about the history and heritage of the United Methodist Church? Would you like to learn how to become more of a disciple? Now is the time for you to explore these options.

Please join us for the Spring, 2025 *Anderson District Lay Servant Ministries School*.

Where: 1st UMC, Easley
115 West First Avenue
Easley, SC 29640

When: April 25 - 6 pm - 9 pm
April 26 - 9 am - 2 pm
April 27 - 3 pm - 7 pm

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Courses offered:

Basic Lay Servant Ministry

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (Heritage) (Required for Lay Speaker track)

Disciple's Path

Cost: \$45

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

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Registration Deadline: February 28
Late registration March 1-6, \$50
NO REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER MARCH 6

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Spring 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 a link to the meeting via email only.

(Please check only one blank)

____ Adult Basic Course: First time and re-certifying Lay Servants

____ Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (Heritage)

____ Disciple's Path

You **MUST** 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 February 28 (\$50 March 1-6) to: Anderson District Superintendents office, PO Box 1057 Anderson, SC 29622 PLEASE NOTE: LATE REIGSTRATIONS (after March 6) 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 1st time candidates and for Lay Servants seeking to recertify. 1st 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.

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (Heritage) (This course is required for the Lay Speaker track)

Explore a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church as defined in Part II of The Book of Discipline. Uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as you embrace the United Methodist way.

"Beliefs are to be lived; doctrine is to be practiced," writes Carder in this updated edition of his 1996 bestseller. "The authenticity of beliefs lie in their ability to shape people and communities into the image of Christ and to promote holiness and happiness. ...The important test of the validity of doctrines and beliefs for United Methodists is the kind of character they produce in individuals and communities and the actions they inspire in the world."

Disciple's Path

A Disciple's Path is an engaging approach to discipleship from a distinctly Wesleyan perspective guides individuals to take the next step in discipleship and become dynamic followers of Jesus Christ and engaged, vital members of the local church. The study combines a Wesleyan understanding of our growth in God's love and grace with the time-tested practices of spiritual discipline expressed in the membership vows to uphold the church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness. Participants will develop spiritual practices, discover their unique gifts, and become engaged in ministry that brings transformation in their own lives, the lives of others, and the world.

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 3 days, Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday afternoon. 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.