



To: Greenville District Lay Servants

From: Ken Moore, LSM District Director

Subject: Fall 2024 Greenville District School

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Greenville District Lay Servant Ministry is pleased to announce that registration for our Fall 2024 Lay Servant Ministry School is now open. Descriptions of the courses being offered during this school as well as details on the school are provided below. We have limited space in each course, so register early in order to guarantee your first choice. For this school we are using electronic registration, so please go to this website to register:

[Greenville District Lay Servant Ministries Registration - South Carolina UMC \(umcsc.org\)](http://umcsc.org)

Deadline for registration is Oct 1st.

SCHOOL DATES

Friday, October 25th: 6:45 PM – 8:45 PM.

Saturday, October 26th: 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM; Lunch provided; Closing at 5:45 PM

Early Book Pickups will be at Advent UMC at these dates & times:

Monday Sept. 30th from 7-8 PM

Monday, Oct. 7th from 7-8 PM

Sunday, Oct. 13th from 2-3 PM

SCHOOL LOCATION

Advent UMC, 2258 Woodruff Rd, Simpsonville, SC 29681

You **must** participate in all 10 hours of classroom contact time to receive a certificate, i.e. you must attend both days. Lay Servants must complete a course at least once every three years to remain certified. Scholarships are available for anyone needing help with the registration fee.

Reading assignments to be completed before the first meeting of the class will be e-mailed to you or handed out at book pickup.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Basic – This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ 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.

Instructor: Catherine Kilpatrick

Planning Worship – This course builds on the course Leading Worship, i.e. think of it as ‘Leading Worship 2’, and it is grounded in the principles and practices of worship planning. Anyone is welcome to take the course but the course is aimed at Certified Lay Speakers and Certified Lay Ministers currently serving local churches. (This is NOT the course needed for Lay Speaker Certification. It is not a new course but we haven’t offered it in several years).

Instructor: Rev. Brian Underwood

Leading Public Prayer – Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something one can learn. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life. (This course needed for Lay Speaker Certification. It is not a ‘new’ course but the participant book has been updated to “Shaping the Prayers of the People”).

Instructor: Mario Hollis

Lay Servants Leading and Governing Congregations with Simplified Accountable Structure – The 2016 Book of Discipline gave lay and clergy leaders powerful flexibility to consolidate the governance functions of the church into a single board that holds the pastor and other teams accountable to the church’s mission. This new course emphasizes how this type of structure organizes lay leadership for maximum missional impact.

Instructor: Mike Cheatham

Dare to Shift –

The disruption of the last several years has forced us to shift in every area of life. The book for this course discusses how the Resurrection of Jesus caused the ultimate disruption to life, changing the landscape of the world for all time. Adaptive leadership is vital for this next iteration of ministry and for leaders to be effective, we must be nimble, flexible, and open to new ways of ministry. We can no longer rely on how we’ve always done things. We must be willing to shift and do ministry in uncommon, uncertain, and uncomfortable ways. This course will challenge readers to make intentional shifts in their understanding of relationships, leadership, stewardship, and discipleship. (New course)

Instructor: Rev. Matthew Greer

If you have any questions or need additional information, or help with registration, you may contact me by phone or text at 864-288-8311 or by e-mail at kmoore8311@outlook.com.

We look forward to a dynamic and spirit filled school so make plans to join with us. This is an exciting opportunity to grow in your walk with Christ and enjoy fellowship with fellow Lay Servants.

Peace and Joy,

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