

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

The 2012 Book of Discipline changed the name of the ministry to “Lay Servant Ministries” in recognition of the broadened scope of leading, caring and communication made in 1992. Certification remain the same for the “name”.

To become a Local Lay Servant, a candidate must apply, be recommended by the pastor and church council or by the charge conference, and take the Basic Lay Servant Course. Reapplication is required annually along with an approved refresher course every three years.

The Local Church Lay Servant with appropriate training shall serve the local church in which membership is held in areas of leadership, caring, and communicating.

A candidate to become a Certified Lay Servant must apply, be recommended by the pastor and church council or by the charge conference, and take both the Basic Lay Servant Course and an approved Advanced Course.

The application shall then be reviewed and approved by the district committee on lay servant ministries or equivalent. Continued recognition required reporting and reapplication annually, and recommendation by the pastor and church council or charge conference. Continued recertification requires the completion of an approved Advanced Course every three years.

The Certified Lay Servant shall continue to serve the local church (where primary attention to service is expected), and as called upon may serve beyond the local church in the district and conference.

SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 7, 2015

7:30 am. - 8:00	Registration/Breakfast
8:00 am– 8:15	Welcome/Devotion
8:30 am-12:00	Classes
11:30-12:15	Lunch (on site)
12:15-4:00	Classes
4:10	Conclusion & Covenant

* **Registration: \$35.00 per person***

McAllister’s will be providing lunch for \$8.00 .
Please include ***WITH*** your registration.

**Register early to ensure that you have a place ,
lunch and time to complete your assignment.**



MERIDIAN DISTRICT
LAY SERVANT SCHOOL
2015

*Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors*

March 7, 2015

Lay Servant School will be held at

College Park UMC
1103 Hwy 19 North
Meridian, MS

McAlister’s Deli Lunch \$8.00 Each

Box Lunches Traditional

Roast Beef _____

Ham _____

Turkey _____

Salads

McAlister’s Chef _____

Grilled Chicken Salad _____

REGISTRATION FORM
Due by February 20, 2015

Name: _____

Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Evening or Cell Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Church: _____ Charge: _____

Pastor's Signature: _____

***Basic Course is required prior to taking Advanced Courses**
Course: (Check One)

_____ **Basic Lay Servant Course**

Advanced Courses (If this your first Advance Course, we strongly encourage you to take United Methodist Heritage)

_____ **Lay Servants Discover Their Spiritual Gifts**

_____ **Lay Servants Interpret To Others Our
United Methodist Heritage**

_____ **Leading In Prayer**

_____ **Lay Servants As Class Leaders**

_____ **Lay Servants Transforming Evangelism**

Please make checks payable Meridian District UMC

***Don't forget: if you want lunch add \$8.00.**

Mail to

Sarah King , 6210 Hwy 39 North, Meridian, MS 39305

**Please DO NOT make checks out to Sarah King
or mail registration form to College Park
UMC**

Basic Lay Course

**Rev. Lynne Anderson, Pastor Pleasant Grove
and instructor at Meridian Community College**

-First step in Lay Servant

Ministries.

- This Lay course provides an opportunity and channel for dedicated Christians to serve in a special way in their congregations and their communities.

-Provides a broad theological base and introduces basic skills for communication, caring, and leading.

Advanced Courses

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

**Leader: Rev. Kathy Price
Pastor of Haven Chapel UMC**

-This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry.

-You will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader

-You will also be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.

Lay Servants Interpret to Others Our United Methodist Heritage

**Leader: Rev. Billy Owen,
District Superintendent**

-This course will help participants gain:

- An understanding of the distinctive traditions of the United Methodist Church.

-A better understanding of what it means to be a United Methodist

Class Leaders: Recovering a Tradition

**Leader: Josephine Virgil-Hughes
Certified Lay Servant, Curriculum Director of Special Ed. for The Crossing**

-- Participants will see how the ministry of certified Lay Servants intersects with that of the class leader.

Leading Prayer

**Leader: Rev. Davey Wilkinson Pastor of
Coker's Chapel**

-Prayer is something we learn

-It is something that can be taught

-This course may challenge some of your assumptions, test some of your preconceived ideas, stretch your thinking, and enrich your prayer life.

Transforming Evangelism

**Leader: Mike Hollingsworth
Pastor of Hopewell, Crandall & Poplar
Springs**

-You will learn the Wesleyan way of sharing your faith without fear. As one friend to another .

Because we are only doing a one day school , it is very important that you register by the due date. Your book, along with a required assignment will be mailed to you as soon as we receive your registration. REGISTER EARLY