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The Board of Laity

The South Carolina Conference Board of Laity exists to (1) foster the role of Laity in local congregations throughout the church; (2) develop and promote stewardship of time, talent and possessions; (3) provide training for lay members of annual conference; (4) provide support and direction for observance of Laity Sunday; and (5) provide organization, direction, and support for development of church leaders.

The Board of Laity works to lead United Methodist in making disciples of Jesus Christ by enabling the mutual ministry of lay and clergy, strengthening the voice and presence of the laity, and equipping our members for spiritual leadership.

There are seven core beliefs identified by members of the Board of Laity. The beliefs are as follows:

1. We are united as one related to our doctrine.
2. Our work must be spiritually driven.
3. Disciple-making takes place through the local church which is strengthened through our connection.
4. We are servant leaders.
5. We should provide a means for clergy and laity to work together toward a shared ministry.

6. All Christians are called to ministry.
7. We make sure that all we do is rooted in God's word and prayer.

The Board supports six (6) task group ministry areas. These areas are Spiritual Formation, Lay Heritage & Leadership Development, Lay Speaking Ministries, Stewardship, Laity Convocation and Communications and Networking.

Our Purpose

Spiritual Formation- To provide training opportunities, workshops and events that will enable the local church to reclaim their spiritual center and grow spiritually.

Heritage & Leadership Development- To assist in developing lay leadership in the local church primarily through research and development of appropriate training formats and materials and to develop means for creating a shared ministry or partnership between clergy and laity ("layergy").

Lay Speaking Ministries- To provide training for laity, equipping them to be leaders in mission and ministry in the local church and community.

Laity Convocation- To provide a week end of personal spiritual growth with a focus on local church leaders, providing practical ideas and user-friendly information about how United Methodist laity can serve Christ through the local church.

Stewardship- To provide key information and resources for individuals and churches to help us reach our full potential as stewards of the mysteries and gifts of God.

Communications & Networking- To help the Board of Laity (BOL) communicate more effectively with the laity of the conference and develop a more reliable, fluid and efficient network for communication between the BOL and the laity.

District Lay Leaders

The Board of Laity is also comprised of twelve (12) District Lay Leaders who represent the laity of their district. These District Lay Leaders are a vital part of the connection, serving as a conduit of information both from the district level to the conference and vice versa. Each District Lay Leader reports three times a year to the Board of Laity on ministries that are carried out through the local churches of their district. District Lay Leaders facilitate district wide workshops and training events, fellowship gatherings and spiritual renewal opportunities for all laity within their districts. They also support and promote within their districts participation of the all laity in conference wide training and ministry events.