



LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

TITLE	REQUIREMENTS
Local Church Lay Servant	1. Pastor/church council or pastor/charge conference
<i>Serves primarily in the local congregation</i>	2. Complete Basic Course in LSM
	3. File Annual Report
	4. Complete a refresher or an advance course every 3 years
Certified Lay Servant	
<i>Local Church Lay Servant who has taken an advanced course in LSM; serves in the local congregation and beyond</i>	1. Pastor and charge conference approval
	2. Take an advanced course after the Basic Course
	3. File Annual Report
	4. Complete one advanced course every three years
Following is a NEW ministry within the Lay Servant Ministries Program established at the 2012 General Conference and included in the 2012 Book of Discipline	
TITLE	REQUIREMENTS
Lay Speaker	(Is a Certified Lay Servant)
<i>Certified Lay Servant who provides pulpit supply</i>	
	1. Must have been recommended for continuation as a Certified Lay Servant for a Minimum of the past three years by their Charge Conference
Required Courses:	2. Documentation must be completed of the six required Lay Speaker Courses
1. Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts	3. Interview/Approval by District Committee on LSM
2. Leading in Prayer	4. File Annual Report
3. Preaching	5. Every three years complete one advanced course and interview with District Committee on LSM
4. Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (UM Heritage)	
5. Leading in Worship	
6. Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (UM Polity)	
ANY CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT SEEKING TO PURSUE THE DESIGNATION OF LAY SPEAKER MUST SUBMIT A COMPLETED INITIAL APPLICATION AT THEIR REGULARLY SCHEDULED CHARGE CONFERENCE. (Initial Application Form attached)	