

Charleston District Lay Servant Ministries School Registration

St. James United Methodist Church

512 St. James Avenue
Goose Creek, South Carolina 29445

School Dates and Times:

Saturday, March 21 (9:00 am – 5:00 pm)

Sunday, March 22 (2:30 pm – 5:00 pm)

(Lunch will be served on Saturday)

Registration must be received by: **March 4, 2026**. Class size is limited, **so register early**.

Payment Information	Mail To:
The course cost is \$ 30.00. (Non-refundable) Submit a check or money order with the registration form. Make check or money order payable: Charleston District - UMC	Charleston District Office - UMC c/o Lay Servant Ministries PO Box 80159 Charleston, SC 29416

Course Offerings and Book Information

Note: Each participant is required to purchase their book. Ordering information is listed below the course description. If you have a problem ordering your book, please contact me. We are not allowed to copy any book without permission from the author.

If a High School or College student is applying for a course offered, contact the District Director, first.

Books can be ordered through:

Cokesbury.com or Amazon.com (use ISBN order # as listed)	Upper Room Bookstore (use DR or AB item # or the ISBN order # as listed)
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PLEASE MARK THE COURSE DESIRED BELOW:

BASIC Lay Servant Ministry

This is a required course for all new Lay Servants. It also serves as a refresher for those who wish to be recertified. 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.

**Participant's Book: *Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course* by Sandy Zeigler Jackson, and Brian Jackson
DR626 • 978-0-88177-626-3**

United Methodist Polity

This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. A copy of the 2020/2024 Book of Discipline is recommended for this course as a resource.

Participant's Book: *The Method of Our Mission* by Lacey C. Warner • AB717 • 978-1-4267-6717-3 •

Loving People and Planet in God’s Name (NEW)

This course empowers lay participants to engage local churches in creation care and environmental justice. Lay participants will see this work as the appropriate response of disciples of Jesus Christ to the realities of climate change.

Participant’s Book *Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action, Second Edition Edited by Pat Watkins • 978-1-952501-23-4 • Available at UWFaithResources.org*

Leading Bible Study

This course opens a new world for many lay servants who have not had professional training in biblical interpretation.

Participant’s Book: *Biblical Interpretation: A Roadmap by Frederick C. Tiffany and Sharon H. Ringe Participant’s Book • 978-0-68701-608-2 •*

For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts

This course offers a scriptural understanding of spiritual gifts as always given “for the common good.” By helping participants identify and link their gifts, abilities, and sense of calling, laity will learn the powerful connection between spiritual gifts and vocational discernment in the context of the mission of their local church.

Participant’s Book: *For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts* by *Christine Harman • DR958 • 978-0-88177-958-5*

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E-MAIL	_____	Zip Code	_____
CHURCH	_____	CHARGE	_____
PASTOR’S NAME	_____		

REQUIRED: PASTOR’S SIGNATURE: _____

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(your pastor may send his/her approval via e-mail to layservantscharlestdistrict@gmail.com). Please mention the participant and course name.

If you have any questions, contact Constance Wilborn, Director of Lay Servant Ministry,
Phone: (843) 797-3736 (home) (**leave a message**)
Email: layservantscharlestdistrict@gmail.com

[Please keep a copy of this registration form with the class information for your records.](#)