

Introduction to Lay Ministry *The BASIC Course*

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.

Youth Addendum: A youth addendum for The BASIC Course is available for download at: <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/introduction-to-lay-ministry-the-basic-course>. The United Methodist Committee on Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Ministries has developed a version of The BASIC Course for use with American Sign Language. For more information on this resource, please contact the committee through their website: UMDeaf.org.



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(For course resources such as Powerpoint slides, go to:

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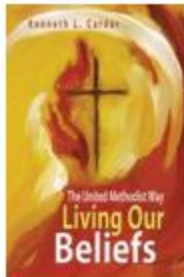
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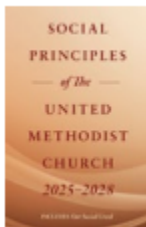
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