



To: Greenville District Lay Servants

From: Ken Moore, LSM District Director

Subject: Fall 2025 Greenville District LSM School

Date: 12 September 2025

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Greenville District Lay Servant Ministry is pleased to announce that registration for our Fall 2025 Lay Servant Ministry School is now open. Descriptions of the courses being offered during this school as well as details on the school are provided below. We are pleased to offer Youth Basic at this school so invite a teen you know at your church to consider attending. Even better, offer to sponsor them. There is limited space in each course, so register early in order to guarantee your first choice. For this school we will again be using electronic registration, so please go to this website to register:

[Greenville District Lay Servant Ministries Registration - South Carolina UMC](#)

When registering, you will have the choice to pay online (credit card or bank draft), request a scholarship or indicate that you will pay by check or cash. Cost remains \$35.00. If you select check or cash then please bring your payment to a book pickup or to the first class. Contact me if you have problems with the electronic registration.

Deadline for registration is October 10th.

SCHOOL DATES

Saturday, November 1st: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Snacks but no Lunch.

Saturday, November 8th: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Snacks but no Lunch.

Saturday, November 15th: 9:00 AM – 1:45 PM; Lunch provided; Closing at 2:00 PM

Early Book Pickups: Sunday, October 12th from 3-4 PM at Travelers Rest UMC

Sunday, October 19th from 3-4 PM at Travelers Rest UMC

Wednesday, October 22nd from 7-8 PM at Travelers Rest UMC

Sunday, October 19th, from 4:30-5:30 PM at Advent UMC

SCHOOL LOCATION

Travelers Rest UMC, 19 S. Main St., Travelers Rest, SC 29690

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Basic – 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.

Instructor: Laurie Fite and John Powell

Youth Basic – This course covers the same content as regular Basic but will be tailored to teen participants.

Instructor: Angela Thompson

For the Common Good – Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts (new course) - 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. They will also learn how to make spiritual gifts discernment a part of their congregation’s culture and commitment to equip mission-focused leaders who make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This course satisfies spiritual gifts for Certified Lay Speaker candidates.

Instructor: Catherine Kilpatrick

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (Polity) – This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. A copy of the Book of Discipline is recommended for this course (instructions for accessing it online will be given in class). This course is required for Certified Lay Speakers candidates.

Instructor: Marti Johnson

Sacraments: Means of Grace – This course focuses on the key insights of the Rev. Beth Galbreath regarding the two books on our sacramental life: *By Water and the Spirit* (Baptism) and *This Holy Mystery* (Communion), by the late Gayle Carlton Felton. This course combines content from the separate online courses on Baptism and Communion that are available at <https://beadisciple.com/>.

Instructor: Tony Snyder

You **must** participate in all 10 hours of classroom contact time to receive a certificate. Lay Servants must complete an Advanced Course at least once every three years to remain certified. If it has been more than 3 years since your last class then you need to re-take Basic to remain certified.

Reading assignments to be completed before the first meeting of the class will be e-mailed to you or handed out at book pickup.

If you have any questions or need additional information, or help with registration, you may contact me by phone or text at 864-288-8311 or by e-mail at kmoore8311@outlook.com.

We look forward to a dynamic and spirit filled school so make plans to join with us. This is an exciting opportunity to grow in your walk with Christ and enjoy fellowship with fellow Lay Servants.

Peace and Joy,

Kenneth D. Moore