



To: Greenville District Lay Servants

From: Ken Moore, LSM District Director

Subject: Spring 2026 Greenville District LSM School

Date: 1 April 2026

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Greenville District Lay Servant Ministry is pleased to announce that registration for our Spring 2026 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 have limited space in each course, so register early in order to guarantee your first choice. For this school we are using paper registration – see form on last page. (The IT person in Columbia is not available to set-up electronic registration).

Please send the completed registration form to the indicated address no later than April 24, 2026. Include your registration fee (check or money order) made out to the Conference Treasurer and noted for Greenville District LSM 2026 Spring School Registration. (Contact me if you have any difficulties meeting the date for mailing the registration form).

***Deadline for registration is April 24th.***

## **SCHOOL DATES**

Saturday, May 2nd: 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM.

Saturday, May 9th: 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM.

Saturday, May 16th: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM; Closing at 4:20 PM

- Snacks will be provided. No lunch any day.

Early Book Pickups: Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 PM at Memorial

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 PM at Memorial

Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-6 PM at Advent UMC, Simpsonville

## **SCHOOL LOCATION**

Memorial UMC, 201 N. Main St., Greer, SC 29650

## 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: Catherine Kilpatrick

**Leading Public Prayer** – Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something that one learns. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life as well. *(Required course to become a Certified Lay Speaker)*

Instructor: Marti Johnson

**Leading Worship** – This course focuses on basic worship leadership skills for the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship. Participants will learn how to lead worship that is relevant and inclusive, offering communion with God and neighbor. *(Required course to become a Certified Lay Speaker)*

Instructor: Ken Moore

**Exploring a Culture of Care for a Caring Congregation** – This advanced course, based on *The Caring Congregation: Implementation Guide*, equips participants with tools for deep listening and grows their capacity to care in difficult situations of loss – all within healthy boundaries and a thoughtful awareness of varying cultural contexts of caring ministry. *(new course)*

Instructor: Laurie Fite

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.

Reading/homework 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](mailto: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*

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PS – for the lay servants who will be unable to join us for this school I wanted to let you know that this will be the last Greenville District LSM school before the district re-alignment is set to take effect in July. A copy of your records will be provided to the LSM director for the district where your home church is being moved. It has been my honor to have served you as your district director these last many years. It was a joy to get to know you and I count you all as dear brothers and sisters in Christ. Be Blessed!

## Application - Spring 2026 Greenville District LSM School

**Instructions:** Application must be completely filled out and returned with your check or money order for \$35.00. Make check or money order payable to “**Conference Treasurer**” and noted for *Greenville District LSM 2026 Spring School Registration*. **DO NOT** send cash. Scholarships are available for anyone needing help with the registration fee.

Mail application with payment to: Ken Moore, 20 Breckenridge Ct., Greenville SC 29615

**Please clearly PRINT the following information:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number (\_\_\_\_)-\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Charge \_\_\_\_\_

My photo can be used to promote Lay Servant Ministry: Yes or No (Circle one)

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Other than first time Basic Students, please number the courses in order of interest as we have limited spaces. Additional course description is provided in the cover letter. You will be contacted if your first choice is not available for some reason. Otherwise, you only need to come to one of the book pickup opportunities – **no confirmation will be sent if you get your first choice.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Basic Course - This class is required of all new Lay Servants

\_\_\_\_\_ \*\* Leading Public Prayer – Grow in confidence to lead public prayer.

\_\_\_\_\_ \*\* Leading Worship– Learn to lead relevant and inclusive worship.

\_\_\_\_\_ \* Exploring a Culture of Care for a Caring Congregation\_– Learn to create a caring congregation.

\* - Advanced Course for continued certification as a Lay Servant.

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**Deadline for returning your completed registration form is April 24, 2026.**

***Early Book Pickup*** will be available for paid registrants at Memorial UMC – Greer on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> and April 26<sup>th</sup>, between 3:00 and 4:00 PM. Last chance early pickup will be on Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 6:00 PM at Advent UMC in Simpsonville (2258 Woodruff Road). Please plan to stop by and get your materials as Instructors will be sending out homework to have prepared before the first class.

***Note: the times above are the only times to pick up your books prior to the start of the school. Mailing of books is possible but is strongly discouraged and requires an additional fee of \$5.00.***