



To: Greenville District Lay Servants

From: Ken Moore, LSM District Director

Subject: Spring 2025 Greenville District LSM School

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Greenville District Lay Servant Ministry is pleased to announce that registration for our Spring 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 have limited space in each course, so register early in order to guarantee your first choice. For this school we are using electronic registration, so please go to this website to register:

<https://www.umcsc.org/gvdistlsmregistration/>

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. 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 Feb 28th.*

## **SCHOOL DATES**

Saturday, March 8th: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. No Lunch.

Saturday, March 15th: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM. No Lunch.

Saturday, March 29th: 9:00 AM – 1:45 PM; Lunch provided; Closing at 2:00 PM

Early Book Pickups: Sunday, February 23rd from 3-4 PM at Aldersgate

Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> from 7-8 PM at Aldersgate

Sunday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3-4 PM at Aldersgate

Sunday, February 23rd from 5-6 PM at Advent UMC, Simpsonville

## **SCHOOL LOCATION**

Aldersgate UMC, 7 Shannon Dr., Greenville, SC 29615

## **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

**Called to Preach** – This Advanced Course is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. *(Required course to become a Certified Lay Speaker)*

Instructor: Rev. Brian Underwood

**Opening Ourselves to Grace** – This Advanced Course explores the basic practices of Christian faith and life from a Wesleyan perspective. Through video and Bible study the participants will gain insight into Wesley's understanding of spiritual practice and be better able to help their congregations understand the transforming power of grace. *(SC Conference approved course)*

Instructor: Angela Thompson

**Loving People and Planet in God's Name** – This Advanced Course empowers participants to engage local churches in creation care and environmental justice. They will see this work as the appropriate response of disciples of Jesus Christ to the realities of climate change. And they will grow deeper in their faith through the caring creation of practical and context-specific spiritual practices that mitigate the effects of reckless human consumption. *(new course)*

Instructors: Velma Greene and Ken Moore

**Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (Heritage)** – This Advanced Course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church. *(Required course to become a Certified Lay Speaker)*

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.

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*

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