



To: Greenville District Lay Servants

From: Ken Moore, LSM District Director

Subject: Fall 2023 Greenville District Multi-Site LSM School

Date: 13 September 2023

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Greenville District Lay Servant Ministry is pleased to announce that registration for our Fall 2023 Lay Servant Ministry School is now open. This will be a multi-site format school with courses offered at various times and locations. 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. Please send the completed registration form to the indicated address no later than October 6, 2023. The registration form **must** be signed by your pastor to be accepted (send me an e-mail if you are interested in a course but are having trouble getting your pastor's signature). Include your registration fee (check or money order) made out to the Conference Treasurer and noted for Greenville District LSM Fall 2023 School Registration.

SCHOOL DATES

See the course specific schedules below.

SCHOOL LOCATION

See the course specific locations below.

The individual Instructors will arrange to distribute books to the class participants.

You **must** participate in a minimum of 10 hours of classroom contact time to receive a certificate, i.e. you must attend all scheduled class sessions. Lay Servants must complete an advanced course at least once every three years to remain certified. Scholarships are available for anyone needing help with the registration fee (scholarships are only for Greenville District Lay Servants).

Reading assignments to be completed before the first meeting of the class will be e-mailed by the instructors before the courses begin.

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 Christians.

COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

Basic— This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ their 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: Dr. Valerie Brooks-Madden

Schedule: Sunday Afternoons; 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM, October 15, 22, 29, November 5 and 12.

Location: Bethlehem UMC
211 Staunton Bridge Road
Greenville, SC 29611

How Can We Become More Effective Lay Leaders/ Servants - This course is designed to engage the participant in discussion of the attributes of effective leadership in the church while defining the differences between terms such as Lay Leader, Lay Servant, Lay Speaker, Lay Minister, and Lay Member. (Folks on the waiting list have priority).

Instructor: Michael Cheatham

Schedule: Sunday Afternoons; 3:00 PM – 5:30 PM, October 15, 22, 29, and November 5.

Location: Faith UMC
1301 S. Main St.
Greer, SC 29651

Called to Preach - This 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.

Instructor: Brian Underwood

Schedule: Sunday Afternoons; 3:00 PM – 6:30 PM, October 22, November 5 and 12.

Location: Northside UMC,
435 Summit Dr.
Greenville SC 29609

Embracing Personal Prayer - In this course we will explore the steps we need to strengthen our personal prayer time with God. We will examine how to become prayerful, and we will determine which tools to use when entering into prayer. We will look at aids to prayer and consider the prayer life of Jesus. In addition, we will explore intimacy with God and determine how we can move to a personal prayer life that takes us closer to God. (This is not the course needed for the Lay Speaker track of study).

Instructor: Susan Livingston

Schedule: Sunday Afternoons; 2:00 PM – 5:30 PM, October 15, 22, and 29th.

Location: Grace UMC,
627 Taylor Rd.
Greer SC 29651

If you have any questions or need additional information, you may contact me by phone or text at 864-288-8311 or by e-mail at kmoore8311@outlook.com (note this is a new e-mail address).

Peace and Joy,

Kenneth D. Moore

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Application – Fall 2023 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 Fall 2023 School Registration*. **DO NOT** send cash. Scholarships are available for Greenville District Lay Servants 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 _____

Print Pastors Name _____

Pastors Signature _____ 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, no confirmation will be sent if you get your first choice.

_____ Basic Course - This class is required of all new Lay Servants.

_____ * More Effective Lay Servant – become more effective at providing lay leadership.

_____ ** Called to Preach – for persons wanting to preach in their local church or beyond.

_____ * Embracing Personal Prayer – strengthen your personal prayer life.

* = Advanced Course for initial/continued certification as a Lay Servant.

** = Advanced course for Certified Lay Speaker tract or continued certification as a Lay Servant.

Deadline for returning your completed registration form is October 6, 2023.

Note: Book distribution will be managed by the instructors - no central book pickup. Please make sure your address and e-mail are printed clearly above.

No confirmation is sent if you get your first choice.