

# Lay Servant Ministries Training Opportunities

## Schedule & Location:

**Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:00am – 3:15pm**  
**Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 2:00pm – 5:00pm**  
**St. Mark UMC – Salterstown/Sumter**  
**1093 Oswego Hwy.**  
**Sumter SC 29153-8734**

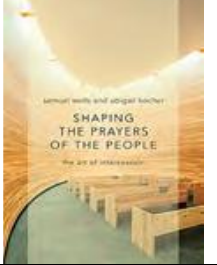
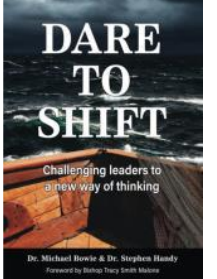
## Registration Information

**Participants are responsible for purchasing their respective course books.**

**Registration Cost: \$30 (includes lunch)**

**Registration deadline: Friday March 14, 2025**

**Registration link: [Hartsville District Online Registration - South Carolina UMC](#)**

Course	Book Information (You must order your book)	
<b>Leading Prayer</b>	<p><b>Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession</b>  <i>Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher</i>                      Participant’s Book • 978-0-8028-7097-1 • \$15.99                      (ePub, \$15.00)                      Available at Cokesbury.com</p>	
<b>Dare to Shift</b>	<p><b>Dare To Shift: Challenging Leaders to a New Way of Thinking</b>  <i>Michael Bowie, Stephen Handy</i>                      - Participants Guide ~ 978-1950899715 ~ \$18.95                      (Kindle \$9.99)</p>	

*Let’s take the next faithful steps... toward our Mission... of Making Disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by Leading, Caring, and Communicating... knowing that God is with us!!!*

**Schedule & Location:**  
**Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 3:00pm**  
**Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 9:00am – 3:00pm**  
**Wesley UMC – Hartsville**  
**145 E College Ave, Hartsville, SC 29550**

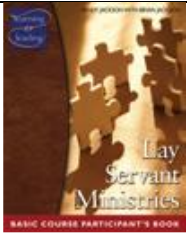
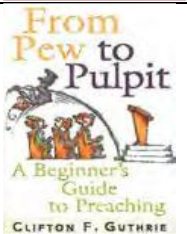
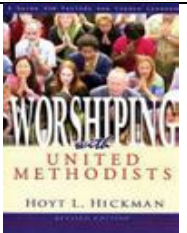
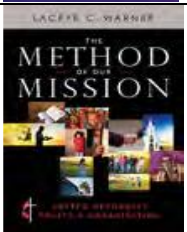
**SAVE THE DATE – Registration Information**

**Participants are responsible for purchasing their respective course books.**

**Registration Cost: \$30**

**Registration deadline: Friday May 10, 2025**

**Registration link: [Hartsville District Online Registration - South Carolina UMC](#)**

Course	Book Information (You must order your book)	
<p><b>The Basic Course</b></p>	<p><b>Lay Servant Ministries – Basic Course</b>  <i>Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson</i>            Participant’s Book • DR626 • 978-0-88177-626-3 • \$12.00            Participant’s Book available in ePub and Kindle (\$9.99)</p>	
<p><b>Called to Preach</b></p>	<p><b>From Pew to Pulpit</b>  <i>Clifton F. Guthrie</i>            Participant’s Book • AB6660 • 978-0-687-06660-5 • \$18.99            (Available in Kindle, \$9.99)</p>	
<p><b>Leading Worship</b></p>	<p><b>Worshiping with United Methodists (REVISED)</b>  <i>Hoyt Hickman</i>            Participant’s Book • AB526 • 978-0-687-33526-8 • \$11.99            (Kindle, \$9.99)</p>	
<p><b>United Methodist Polity</b></p>	<p><b>The Method of Our Mission</b>  <i>Laceye C. Warner</i>            Participant’s Book • AB717 • 978-1-4267-6717-3 • \$23.00</p>	



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**[BeADisciple.com now offers all six courses required for initial Lay Speaker certification.](#)**

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- [Leading Public Prayer](#) (Prayer course)
- [Life Together in the United Methodist Connection](#) (UM Polity course)
- [Living Our United Methodist Beliefs](#) (UM Heritage course)
- [Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts](#) (Spiritual Gifts course)
- [Your Ministry of Planning and Leading Worship](#) (Leading Worship course)
- [Called to Preach](#) (Preaching course)