



Lay Servant Ministry

John Wesley valued the role of laity in the early days of his ministry. He describes what he considered to be essential qualities of a Lay Person. While it is God that calls us into ministry, both clergy and laity, it is the responsibility of the church to equip those called and provide them with opportunities for Spiritual Formation. Through time, the UMC has created a program of training to help individuals answer God's call.

The Tuscarawas District Board of the Lay Servant Ministries program is pleased to announce our schedule of upcoming classes and opportunities for Spiritual Enrichment. Classes are open to anyone, whether or not you are considering a call to participate further in the Lay Servant Ministry Program.

**All classes will be at Bolivar United Methodist Church,
248 Poplar St, Bolivar, OH 44612.**

Friday, May 12th 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Saturday May 13th 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Basic Lay Servant Training Course – Part 1 & 2

Course cost - \$15.00. Snacks and beverages will be provided Friday evening, lunch is available for \$10 on Saturday.

The participant's book for this Course "Lay Servant Ministry – Basic Course" must be purchased in advance. It is available from The Upper Room web site: (upperroom.com/store&resources), for \$12.00 plus shipping. The book can sometimes be found on the Cokesbury web site and Amazon for slightly less.

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Saturday, May 13th 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Advance Lay Servant Class – Opening Ourselves to Grace.

Course Cost \$15.00. Lunch is available on this day for both classes for \$10.00.

The participant's book for this class "Opening Ourselves to Grace" is free as a PDF download from UMCDiscipleship.org/resources/lay-servant-ministries-advanced-courses. If you are unable to download PDF's please email Eddie Courtney at msged@earthlink.net and he will mail a copy to you.

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Saturday, Jun 24th, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Lay Servant Advanced Class – Embracing Personal Prayer.

Course cost is \$15.00. Lunch is available on this day for \$10.00.

The participant's book for this class, "Lord, Teach us to Pray" is available from the UpperRoom.org/store for \$10.00 and must be purchased and read in advance.

[Registration Form](#)

Saturday, Oct 14, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Lay Servant Advanced Class – Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution.

Course cost is \$15.00. Lunch is available on this day for \$10.00.

The participant's book for this class "The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation" is available from the UpperRoom.org/store for \$25.00 and must be purchased and read in advance.

[Registration Form](#)

Please check with your pastor to see if your church has tuition assistance money available for continuing education or spiritual enrichment opportunities.

If you would like more information on the Lay Servant Ministry Program for our district, please email any of the following:

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