



## Atlanta College Park District Lay Servant Ministries

### 2016 Spring Classes

**Lay Servant Ministries** challenges participants to grow in their faith by exploring, learning, and developing skills to serve Christ in their local church and beyond. Ephesians 4:11-12 says *“The gifts he (Christ) gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ.”* Through the Lay Servant Ministries, we seek to fulfill the divine call to build up the Body of Christ through teaching and equipping disciples to serve in their local church and beyond. We are growing disciples!

**Basic Lay Servant Class** In this introductory course you will be encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended. We’ll 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. This class offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader and in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life. *(The United Methodist Book of Discipline recommends that all church Lay Leaders take this class.)*

**Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts** An ideal resource for those seeking to identify and use their gifts in meaningful ways, this course explores ways in which God’s gifts are practical as well as spiritual and how such gifts are connected to the congregational primary tasks of receiving, relating, equipping, and sending.

**Leading Worship** This course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship.

*For more information, contact the  
Atlanta College Park District Director of Lay Servant Ministries,  
Darryl Kirkland  
by email at [dekland@aol.com](mailto:dekland@aol.com)*

The following classes will be offered at St. John UMC  
550 Mt. Paran Road NW, Atlanta, GA 30327  
Saturday, April 16th and Saturday, April 23rd  
from 9 am – 3 pm  
*Lunch will be provided*

All classes are \$40.00 which includes both sessions and all materials.  
Please note that participants must attend both sessions  
in order to graduate. Please check the class you wish to take.

#### **Basic Lay Servant Class:**

*Note: Participant must have Pastor’s recommendation.*

#### **Advanced Class: “Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts”**

*Note: Participant must have completed Basic to take this class.*

#### **Advanced Class: “Leading Worship”**

*Note: Participant must have completed Basic to take this class.*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Checks and registration information should be mailed to:  
Atlanta College Park District Office  
100 Edgewood Avenue NE, Suite 1690  
Atlanta, Ga. 30303

Please make checks payable to “Atlanta College Park District”  
with the name of the class written on the memo line.

Questions? Contact Darryl Kirkland  
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