

2018-2019 LEADERSHIP UMC

A program of the North Georgia Conference Board of Laity for emerging leaders!

LUMC is recognized throughout the country as a premier program ~ second to none ~ for equipping laity to serve in partnership with clergy for mission and ministry within the community and around the globe. LUMC is unique in its design to offer Methodist laity an experience that mentors graduates for a life-long journey “in the connection.”

Leadership UMC (LUMC) begins its 17th consecutive year of successful training and development. We have 48 graduates in the 2017-2018 Class in April 2018. We celebrate over 600 graduates, many of which have now assumed major leadership roles in the local church, district, conference and beyond. Some LUMC graduates are delegates to the 2019 Call General Conference in St. Louis in February. During annual conference, the graduates participate in the LUMC Chorus, the LUMC Reunion and the Conference Board of Laity activities. Our goal is to continue the tradition of encouraging LUMC graduates toward exemplary servant leadership.

The 2018-2019 series will feature our same basic curriculum and expanded opportunities to enhance the experience with the four weekend workshops designed to equip the emerging leader. All workshops are facilitated by our professional staff. The dates are:

- November 9-10, 2018** *UMC History, Polity and the Discipline,*
Dr. John Beyers, Sr. Pastor, Hillside UMC, AMAR District, Facilitator
- January 18-19, 2019** *Congregational Development & Leadership Skills, Spiritual Gifts and more!*
Rev. Mike Selleck, Retired NGA Clergy
- March 22-23, 2019** *Clergy & Laity Together in Shared Ministry ~ A partnership conversation!*
The North Georgia Episcopal Leader: Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson ~ Friday’s Keynote Speaker.
Saturday’s Workshop Facilitators: Rev. Herzen Andone, Dir. Connectional Ministries, NGA Conference
& Bill Martin, NGA Conference Lay Leader.
- April 26-27, 2019** *LUMC Small Group Project Reports and 2018-2019 LUMC Class Graduation*
Graduation Ceremony Keynote Speaker: TBA

These four workshop topics and curriculum have proven to be essential building blocks for lay leadership and addressing skills for vital congregations. Each participant is assigned to a small group that researches subjects related to church vitality. All workshops are held at Oak Grove United Methodist Church. Lodging is provided at a nearby hotel property in the area. All expenses including workshop materials, four nights lodging, meals, and snack breaks are included in the tuition for participants. The participant’s pastor attends the March session at no additional cost. Tuition for the 4-session series:

Participant Tuition = \$100 DOUBLE occupancy room accommodation

or

\$320 for SINGLE room accommodation;

Local Church Tuition = \$175;

District Tuition = \$175.

Applicants must be recommended by 1) the local church lay leader and pastor; 2) commit to attending all of the four workshop sessions; 3) complete and submit the application to the district lay leader at the district office prior to the advertised deadline (earlier if possible). See application on the reverse or on the Conference Board of Laity page of the NGA Conference web site:

www.ngumc.org. The District Board of Laity reviews applications and selects four applicants to recommend to the LUMC Board each year. The Conference Board of Laity and the LUMC Board of Directors are the final approving authority for each application and participant. It is important that the applicant understand that in order to receive the LUMC graduation diploma, individual certification, as well as the LUMC pin, one must be an active participant in all four sessions which begin on Fridays at 5:30 p.m. until Saturday at 5 p.m. Each workshop builds on the knowledge and information acquired in the prior session to provide a strong foundation of leadership. *Equally important is that each participant is randomly assigned to a small group that works together through technology on a research project outside of the workshop times with a report presented before the class at the last session. Additionally, each participant is expected to participate in the Mystery Worship Visit to enhance local church hospitality for visitors.*

It is an honor to be selected to represent your local church and district at LUMC and we strive to make our laity development curriculum an exceptional experience.

For additional information, contact Jane Finley, Director, LUMC, 706-886-4039; mifarms100@aol.com.

APPLICATION ON REVERSE SIDE

2018-2019 LEADERSHIP UMC APPLICATION

Submit your completed application including all signatures to District Office by September 16, 2018 (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

APPLICANT NAME _____ PLEASE SUBMIT 2” x 2” Photo with Application

PREFERRED FIRST NAME FOR NAME BADGE _____ Gender _____ Ethnicity _____

Age: 18-25__ 26-35__ 36-55__ 55+__ Retired__ Former Occupation, if retired: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Contact Information: Cell #: _____ Email Address: _____

Local Church: _____ District: _____

Occupation: _____ Company: _____ Current Volunteer position in Church _____

Special Talents _____ Gifts/Graces _____

Leadership Positions Held in Local Church: _____ Date _____
(Use additional paper if needed) Leadership Positions Held Outside Church: _____ Date _____
_____ Date _____ _____ Date _____

Participant’s Signature _____ Printed Name _____

In Case of Emergency, Contact Name and Phone # _____

Recommended/Nominated by: Local Church Lay Leader: Name _____ Signature: _____
Email Address: _____

Sr. Pastor Recommendation: Printed Name & Signature _____

Name of Pastor committed to attend the March 22-23, 2019 Session: _____ (required)

Pastor’s Email Address: _____ Cell Phone # _____

District Superintendent’s Signature of Approval for Participant: _____

IMPORTANT DATES & PROCESSING INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICATION

PARTICIPANTS ~ September 16, 2018 ~ Deadline for submission of participant’s completed application to district office. *Due to your attendance requirement at all workshops, please evaluate potential conflicts and your personal holiday observances and life event celebrations with the 2018-19 LUMC schedule before making application.* For more information, contact your district office or district lay leader. ***Only one participant per church/one per family will be selected per year.*** Read carefully the requirements on the reverse and notate the lodging arrangements for double/single accommodation lodging.
October 1, 2018 ~ District sends selected applicant and participant’s local church notification of selection to attend LUMC requesting tuition payment NLT Oct 10. **District sends the original application immediately to Jane Finley, LUMC Director, 416 Black Mountain Road Toccoa GA 30577-7427.** **October 10, 2018** ~ Full payment of tuition fees from participant and local church are due to the district office. ***Make checks payable to North GA Conference,*** notate for Leadership UMC and include participant’s name; ***mail to your district office.*** **October 15, 2018** ~ District submits all payments with the Tuition Remittance Form to: Jane Finley, 416 Black Mountain Road Toccoa GA 30577-7427

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