

2019-2020 LEADERSHIP UMC “ADVANCED”

~~ *another premier program sponsored by the NGA Conference Board of Laity for **graduates** of LUMC*

“ADVANCED” builds on the knowledge acquired by graduates of the Leadership UMC (LUMC) program. The Conference Board of Laity offers “ADVANCED” as a series of four workshops, beginning its 2nd year. We are honored to announce the graduation of 42 in the 2019 Inaugural Class. The program is facilitated by a professional faculty of lay and clergy leaders and adheres to the basic format of the original LUMC. Participants are provided with the “next steps” in advancement toward excellence for leadership and in-depth knowledge of The United Methodist Church. An important facet in ADVANCED is to encourage laity in mission and ministry with Wesley’s concept of “the world is my parish.” Through this prospective, we learn the “how and why” we serve in relationship with the secular world and can partner with those who are different from us. The curriculum is designed to advance the participant’s knowledge by stretching the understanding and capabilities of participants to a level of readiness that equips them for advanced level leadership in the district, conference, jurisdictional and general conferences, as well as global settings.

After developing the foundational building blocks with Leadership UMC, it is time to return to the workshop setting to unpack the tools that bring forth fruit through utilization of spiritual gifts and seek a place on the journey that God has called us to fill. You will be amazed! Join key conference leaders as we learn together. The evaluations from the first session were outstanding. **COME & SEE!**

ADVANCED offers insight to accentuate our likeness through God’s love, encouraging His people to tell their personal faith story as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This is how we fulfill our pledge to support The United Methodist Church with our prayers, presence, gifts, service *and witness*.

LAITY’S PATHWAY FOR “MOVING TOWARD PERFECTION IN LOVE,” is found in this exciting series of LUMC “ADVANCED” workshops. Topics will include:

- *Key theological beliefs that shape us as Methodist
- *Methodist Historical Sites and Sounds, Organization & Structure
- *Crafting Your Own Story ~ The long and short of it!
- *New Places for New People as an Outpost Church
- *Ecumenical Importance & Episcopal Responsibilities
- *Understanding Poverty and the Church’s Role in a “Hand-up”
- *A Welcoming Church ~ Mystery Worship Visit and How this Impacts your Congregation!
- *Leadership ~ Has Laity Lost its Fire? How do we ignite the Flame!
- *Local Church Apportionments, Financial Accountability, Budgets, Auditing, Tithing ~ \$\$ and Counting!
- *Laity Responsibility in Church Ethics
- *Inclusiveness ~ Who is your neighbor?
- *Sexual Abuse, Human Trafficking, Swatting, Scams, Schemes, Opioid Epidemic, Church Safety Precautions, Protecting our Congregation, Safe Sanctuary Policy ~ Our role in public awareness through education of all ages.
- *Passive-Aggressive Conflicts ~ The elephant in the room! Do No Harm, Do Good!

We have packed the toolkit to equip you for the task! Our curriculum provides unlimited resources and information. All workshop will be held at **Mount Pisgah UMC, 9820 Nesbit Ferry Rd., Alpharetta GA 30022** and all sessions begin at 5:30 p.m. on Fridays and dismiss NLT 5 p.m. on Saturdays. Dates for the workshops are:

November 1-2, 2019; January 10-11, 2020; February 28-29, 2020; March 20-21, 2020

Tuition package for the 4-session series of LUMC “ADVANCED” covers all workshop materials/handouts, four nights lodging, meals, snack breaks. Tuition is paid by the participant and the local church as follows:

Participant Tuition:	\$100 <i>DOUBLE</i> occupancy lodging accommodations, <u>OR</u> \$320 <i>SINGLE</i> occupancy lodging accommodations
Local Church Tuition:	\$175

Applicants: See the details and timeline for submission of application, payment, etc. included on the reverse side along with the application. This brochure/application is posted on the NGA Conference website (www.ngumc.org) on the Conference Board of Laity page under ADVANCED LUMC Brochure/Application

2019-2020 LUMC "ADVANCED" APPLICATION

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

Submit completed application including all signatures to District Office by September 19, 2019. See instruction below!

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

PREFERRED FIRST NAME FOR BADGE _____ Gender _____ Ethnicity _____ District _____

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

Address: _____ City, State, Zip Code _____

Contact Information: Cell #: _____ Email Address: _____ LUMC Graduation Year _____

Local Church: _____ Church Address _____

(Mailing Address: PO Box or Street #/Name, City/State/ZIP)

Are you Currently Employed by UMC in Local Church/District/Conference? ___ Current Volunteer position in Church ___

Special Talents _____ Gifts/Graces _____

(Use additional paper if needed)

Leadership Positions Held in Local Church:

Leadership Positions Held Outside Church:

(Use additional paper if needed)

(Use additional paper if needed)

_____ Date _____ Date _____

Participant Lodging Request: **Check one:** Double Occupancy Room = \$100 Tuition: ___ Single Occupancy Room = \$320 Tuition: ___

Participant's Signature: _____ Printed Name _____

In Case of Emergency, Contact Name and Phone # _____

APPROVAL: After completing and printing upper portion, this portion requires personal approvals and signatures before mailing to your district office to be received NLT September 15, 2019.

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

Email Address: _____

Local Church Sr. Pastor Recommendation: Printed Name & Signature _____

Pastor's Email Address: _____ Cell Phone # _____

District Superintendent's Signature of Approval for Participant: _____

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IMPORTANT DATES & PROCESSING INFORMATION FOR THE APPLICATION

PARTICIPANTS ~ Complete participant's portion of this fillable form; then print the form and get the lower portion of form completed with personal approvals/signatures prior to sending to district office. Fully completed form to be received by district office NLT deadline: September 19, 2019.

Due to the attendance requirement at all workshops, please evaluate potential conflicts in your personal holiday observances and life event celebrations with the 2019-20 ADVANCED 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 as annotated above. This designation determines your participant's tuition amount.

TUITION PAYMENT: The district office will notify you NLT October 1, 2019 of the District Board of Laity's decision and provide you information for remittance of your tuition payment. Your local church will be notified regarding remittance of local church tuition also. **Tuition payments due NLT October 15, 2019.**

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