



We form a partnership with clergy to extend ministry. Lay Speakers are active and involved in ministry--- sharing education, filling pulpits, leading small groups, encouraging stewardship, reaching out in mission, organizing evangelism, celebrating worship and professing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Lay Speaking Course Descriptions

Basic Course (Called to Proclaim the Gospel)

This orientation focuses on the three primary aspects of lay speaking Ministries: Leading, Caring, and Communicating. Topics include Christian calling, theology, sermon development, structure, evangelism, and witnessing. The Basic Course for Youth is available to young persons ages 14 to 18.

Lay Speakers Lead in Worship

Learn about worship- how it has evolved over the years, how to design it, and how to lead it.

Lay Speakers Lead in Evangelism

Participants learn how to share their faith story. This advanced course helps Lay Speakers see themselves as Christians with vital faith to share with others.

Lay Speakers Grow Spiritually through Daily Discipline

Participants are guided in discerning God's direction for their lives, practicing daily disciplines, and reaching out in love.

Lay Speakers Preach (New)

Participants develop an understanding of the basic practices of the art of preaching and have opportunities to practice their preaching skills. Helps participants increase confidence in their ability to preach effectively without formal seminary training.

Lay Speakers Lead Bible Study

Designed to help Lay Speakers become versed in how to teach and lead Bible study.

Lay Speakers Lead Prayer

Prayer ministry is an important resource for healing and wholeness in the congregation and elsewhere. This course helps Lay Speakers and others lead this vital ministry.

Lay Speakers Lead in Mission Outreach (NEW)

A church's mission- to make disciples of Jesus Christ- is its key reason for being. This advanced course helps Lay Speakers understand the role of mission outreach in relationship to the vision and ministry of the church. It is designed for Lay Speakers who are interested in learning more about mission outreach ministries.

We offer Lay Speaking Ministries Institutes for any lay person who would like to receive training in the ministries of *Caring, Communicating, and Leading*, which are the special ministries involved in the Lay Speaking program. In addition, the education received will be of value throughout your Christian life.

Lay Speakers Cultivate Christian Community (NEW)

Participants develop an understanding of the basic theories and practices of what it means to live as Christian Disciples in the groups they lead. They will help others recognize themselves as recipients of God's gift of Christian Community.

Lay Speakers Interpret to Others Our United Methodist Heritage

Gain an understanding of the history and heritage of The United Methodist Church.

Lay Speakers Lead in Small Groups

Develop an understanding of servant leadership and the types of power that occur between leaders and followers, to acquire the tools/skills needed for such leadership, and to increase one's capacity to deal with differences and handle conflict.

Lay Speakers Lead in Stewardship

Participants develop a holistic understanding of stewardship, examining their own gifts and learning to help others identify theirs.

Lay Speakers: A Ministry of Caring

A skill-training course divided into 11 sessions. The goals are to affirm God's call to all Christians to care for hurting persons; help participants become more sensitive to caring opportunities.

Lay Speakers Are Servant Leaders

Address the formation of the principals and model of servant leadership and their practical application in the decision-making contexts of local congregations.

Lay Speakers Tell the Story

Offering insights and the skills to share the story to a hurting world. Tools, ethics, imagery, and source material will all be explored.

Lay Speakers Lead in Local Church Evangelism

Gain an understanding of the distinctive traditions, emphases, and structure of The United Methodist Church. This course is offered by Rev. Dr. Joe Peabody.

Course schedule with times and locations are found on the conference web site www.ngumc.org, from your District Office, or from your District Director of Lay Speaking Ministries.