



2016 Academy for Laity Course Descriptions

The Basic Course: Preparing Local Church Servants

Explore God's call in your life as you take the first step toward becoming a Local Church Servant and ultimately a Christ Servant Minister, Certified Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Minister. Registrants are required to complete assignments from a Basic Course Manual prior to Laity Academy. Pastoral approval to take the BASIC course is required, as is an additional fee for a Basic Course Manual as explained on the registration form. *Participants in this course will receive CSM recognition as a Local Church Servant.*

Instructor: Judy Ehninger, a Certified Lay Minister, has been a District Lay Leader and teaches the Basic Course in several venues throughout the Conference. She serves on many district, conference, and jurisdictional boards. She serves as the Coordinator of the Certified Lay Minister Program and Northeast District Director of Christ Servant Ministries. She is a retired registered nurse, and educator.



Making Every Prayer Count: Moving between ME and WE

Have you ever had trouble connecting with God? Praying for Others? This course is designed to be a powerful resource aimed at making your personal prayer life more effective (**ME**) and equipping you to be a person of impact within your church and community (**WE**). We will begin our journey focusing on "**ME**", diving into areas of God-given identity and the impact that our belief system has on every aspect of our life. We will explore how we grow in intimacy with Jesus, our belief system and the importance of forgiveness. As we look at "**WE**" we will dive into developing a prayer ministry at the local church, learn some simple but effective prayer models (salvation, blessing, healing etc.), and explore what it means to be a people who call others into a vibrant relationship with Jesus Christ. This course is full of laughter, hand's-on activation, Q&A, and God surprises!

Instructor: Ruth Hendrickson is a conference speaker, ministry trainer, board certified counselor, and member of the pastoral staff at Washington Crossing United Methodist Church. Ruth oversees Physical Healing,

Emotional Healing, Recovery Ministries, Prayer Ministries and Women's Ministry. She is passionate about training, equipping, and releasing individuals to walk in wholeness and freedom. She has been an active member of The Crossing for over 28 years. Her commitment to serving God and equipping churches to demonstrate God's power and compassion is evident through her lifestyle of prayer and service. Through biblical-based teaching and practical applications, her goal is to introduce people not only to the God who saves, but also to the God who heals. Ruth and her husband, Mark, have been married for 32 years, have five adult children and reside in Stockton, N.J.



Emotional Intelligence: A Blueprint for Your Spiritual Path

Looking for a new way to create, identify and live your faith? Have you tried various methods but still find yourself 'stuck' on your spiritual path and living out your faith? Now is the time to consider how emotional intelligence can be your blueprint for living out your faith! Emotional intelligence is innate to everyone - the difference is how it is accessed and applied. Emotional Intelligence is based on five familiar principles, three of which begin with the individual and two that focus on interactions with others. Realizing that emotional intelligence begins with the individual before it can impact others can help reshape our thinking around communication, teamwork, conflict management, peak performance – basically how we live out our faith! In churches it can reframe how we accomplish outreach, missions, and evangelism. Emotionally intelligent congregations are those that support intergenerational worship experiences and events. Use emotional intelligence to create vibrant youth and young adult ministries while providing excellent care to all ages!

During this program, you will actively use emotional intelligence and develop an action plan or blueprint for living out your faith in a healthy and emotionally intelligent manner! After the program, you will be able to:

- Define emotional intelligence and how to capitalize on using emotional intelligence in your life
- Effectively deal with typical life issues using emotional intelligence techniques
- Identify effective methods to communicate, collaborate, and build a high performing team
- Practice and apply proven techniques to enhance personal emotional intelligence
- Identify your unique profile in regards to emotional intelligence
- Create emotionally intelligent outreach, mission, and evangelism opportunities for your church
- Identify how to ensure your youth, young adults, and adult ministries are emotionally intelligent
- Identify how to use emotional intelligence in church meetings
- Create a blueprint on living an emotionally intelligent faith

This is basically the same wildly popular program presented last year. This course is particularly recommended for Certified Lay Ministers. For CSM participants... this course is recognized as an advanced course in leading.

Instructor: Dave Piltz is a current Certified Lay Minister and has 20 years' experience in youth leaders in three conferences. He has both domestic and international mission trip experience and has extensive local church leadership including chairing SPRC. He is currently the part time coordinator for Young People's Ministries for our conference and a quarter-time Campus Minister at Drexel University. In addition to his church experience, he is a specialist in instructional design, organization design and in developing interactive learning tools, simulations, training games, and unique facilitation tools and methods. He has provided team and executive coaching and co-authored a book on leadership and management.



Walking in Love: The Act of Repentance and Healing Relationships with Native American and Indigenous Persons

This class will cover the history of Native Americans in the United States with a more detailed focus on Pennsylvania as well as Native American contributions to American culture in the 21st century and Native Americans' involvement in the United Methodist Church in general.

In particular, the course will discuss the history of Native Americans from multiple viewpoints as well as its portrayal in the popular imagination. It will address the Iroquois Confederacy, the Doctrine of Discovery, the Carlisle School, and Ongoing discrimination/oppression/marginalization of Native Americans. This course will also revisit the United Methodist Act of Repentance and its implications for the future in Eastern Pennsylvania. Discussions will consist of understanding personal identity, delving into Native American culture and our United Methodist identity as lived out in Acts of Mercy and our Social Principles around such topics as education, casinos/sovereignty, and addressing continuing challenges of abused children in foster care, poverty, dealing

with alcoholism, violence against women, and protecting land rights and sacred sites. In addition, this course will provide resources for constructing a Worship service for Native American Ministries Sunday and for reaching out to Native Americans locally. *For CSM participants... this course is recognized as an advanced course in caring.*

Instructors: Sandra Cianciulli, Chairperson of Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Committee on Native American Ministries (CONAM), Vice-President NE Jurisdiction Committee on Native American Ministries, President Carlisle Indian School Project, Board Member Circle Legacy, and member at Bethel Hill UMC. Rev. Suzanne Wenonah Duchesne, MPhil, is a member of the Eastern PA CONAM and currently a Ph.D. student at Drew Theological School in Madison, NJ, writing her dissertation on preaching through the lens of Methodist Deaconesses and Clergywomen in the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference preaching with, to, and from the Kiowa, Cherokee, Chickasaw, Muscogee and Cheyenne Nations. She is also an adjunct faculty member of Pastoral Theology at Moravian Theological Seminary in Bethlehem, PA. She primarily teaches preaching, United Methodist Worship, General Conference courses, and cross-cultural courses on Native American People and Places.



Building a “First Aid Kit” for Church Health

Your church probably has at least one first aid kit to deal with cuts and scrapes. But do you have a “first aid kit” that can deal with all the health issues of your congregation? Do you have a health ministry that involves the congregation in improving their physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health? Can folks from your community find help to stop smoking, deal with stress, cope with grief, and develop healthy eating and exercise habits? Learn to recognize the components of a health ministry that already exist in your church. Discover practical ways to build a “first aid kit” that contains the building blocks for a viable health ministry in churches of all sizes. Topics for discussion and creative activities include: the scriptural and Wesleyan basis for health ministries; assessing health needs; use of a parish nurse, allied health professionals, and lay health advocates to coordinate health ministries; providing health education using classes, exercise groups, bulletin boards, and newsletter articles; the power of listening in a healing ministry; developing healing services; promoting clergy health; and resources for health ministries. Presented by the EPC Health and Healing Council. *For CSM participants... this course is recognized as an advanced course in caring.*

Instructors: Barbara E. Drake, RN, MSN, is a member of Union UMC in Havertown, where she serves as Lay Leader, Parish Nurse, and President of United Methodist Women. She is a Christ Servant Minister, Dean of EPC Mission u for 2016, Co-Chair of EPC Health and Healing Council, and Chair of EPC Church and Society Work Team. In her community she is secretary of the Board of Directors of Delaware County Family Promise-Interfaith Hospitality Network, serving families with children who have no homes. Donna Bonney, RN, BSN, is a member of Epworth UMC in Bethlehem where she serves as Ad Council chair, Parish Nurse and chair of the Health and Wellness Team. She is a Christ Servant Minister and is the NE District coordinator of the EPC Health and Healing Council. Donna is employed at St. Luke’s University Hospital as a hospital supervisor and volunteers with the City of Bethlehem Medical Reserve Corp.



Speaking 1: Preaching to be Heard

At the Lay Academy we will, as time allows, spend time looking at the focus of our preaching, share some ideas on the development of a sermon, and create an opportunity for each participant to develop and present a “mini” sermon to the group. An important part of this experience will be sharing of feedback in a supportive and safe setting so that all who wish to preach can benefit from the group. The expectation is that our time together will be one of joy and excitement. *For CSM participants... this course is recognized as an advanced course in speaking.*

Instructor: Rev Harold Burkett is a retired pastor of forty years, the last twenty-four serving at Sanctuary in North Wales. He was also a certified Clinical Member of the American



Association for Marriage and Family Therapy. He has a passion for learning about preaching and has, over the years, attended numerous convocations on preaching throughout the county. For the past six years he has been leading a Lay Preaching class through the Bethel Hill United Methodist Church. Rev. Burkett taught the Basic Preaching Class at the 2014 and 2015 Laity Academy and in 2015 taught a course on preaching in Montana for the Rocky Mountain Annual Conference.

Speaking 2: Preaching by Number

"Color by number" books help children become something of an artist. While preaching will always require particular spiritual gifts to be effective, most preachers can nevertheless improve their craft by following a few simple steps. Designed for those who have already learned how to craft an individual sermon, this class will look at the overall process of preaching, how to coordinate preaching topics with other aspects of ministry, and how to ensure that the preaching program has a purpose. Participants must have taken the prerequisite CSM course in preaching and received a certificate from CSM Director, George Hollich. Successful completion of Speaking 2 is one of the requirements to receive Certified Lay Speaker credentials. It is highly recommended that participants have read (or at least purchased) Sermons Reimagined, by Rich Chromey, and Unleashing the Word, by Adam Hamilton. *For CSM participants... this course is recognized as an advanced course in speaking.*



Instructor: Rev. Dr. Lloyd F. Speer III, OSL, is an Elder in the Eastern PA Conference and currently is pastor of Christ United Methodist Church in Fairless Hills, PA. He was ordained in 1988. At the conference level, he has been a District Committee on Ministry chair, was a member of the Board of Ordained Ministry, and is currently serving as Conference Secretary. He is a member of the Order of St. Luke, and a certified trainer for Prepare-Enrich Premarital/Marital counseling.

What To Say To People Who Are Hurting

The practice of Pastoral Care Ministry can leave even the most well-intentioned visitor searching for the right words. Illness can cause physical, emotional and spiritual crisis and having some tools will help you be a reassuring presence. We will discuss visits in hospitals, nursing homes, or with shut-ins and have role-playing exercises. This Course will give you practical knowledge that you can use on your next visit. *For CSM participants... this course is recognized as an advanced course in caring.*

Instructor: Laurie Lewis is a Christ Servant Minister presently serving Doylestown UMC as Minister of Visitation. She was a critical care RN for 20 years before a devastating car accident ended her career. That is when God called her into Pastoral Care. As she recovered, a future took shape that led her back into the Hospital as a Lay Chaplain for 10 years. During that time God has created many opportunities for her to speak to ever larger groups as a Christian Speaker using her unique experience for His glory. She is a Bible Study Teacher and Guest Preacher, and regularly gives Seminars and Retreats.



Theology and Doctrine

This course will explore the theological and doctrinal heritage of Wesleyan Methodism. Our time together will include: background on John and Charles Wesley; the distinctive Wesleyan understanding of grace as prevenient, justifying and sanctifying; the meaning and place of our doctrinal standards; and the meaning of the sacraments. Special attention will be given to practical tools for teaching and preaching in the local church, comparisons with the teaching of other denominations, and the power of hymnody and worship to shape our people's understanding and practice of the faith. *For CSM participants... this course is recognized as an advanced course in leading.*

Instructor: Rev. Joseph F. DiPaolo has been a clergy member of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference since 1988, and currently serves as senior pastor of First United Methodist Church of Lancaster, a 1000 member church with an active and varied inner-city outreach program. In addition to his pastoral work, he currently serves as president of the Northeast Jurisdiction Commission on Archives and History, President of the EPA Conference Historical Society, and edits an annual journal, the Annals of Eastern Pennsylvania. He has taught as an adjunct professor at Palmer Seminary in Philadelphia, and at Evangelical Seminary in Myerstown. He and his wife Susan live in Chester County, and have three children.

