

2019 EPA Laity Academy

PLANNING GUIDE

August 2nd – 4th 2019



Eastern University
300 Eagle Road, St. Davids, PA 19087



Welcome to your Planning Guide for the 2019 Laity Academy.

Many things are changing this year, so we decided to put all of your needed information into a single handout. All of the information in this booklet is also available online at <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/lay/>

This booklet will walk you through your planning, registration, and what to expect when you arrive at Laity Academy.

STEP 1: Mark Your Calendar

Dates: Friday August 2nd through Sunday August 4th
You MUST attend all 10 hrs of instruction to receive credit in the CSM program.

Location: **WE MOVED !**
➤ Eastern University, St. Davids, PA
Enter via Eale Rd and take the 1st left onto campus – then follow the signs

STEP 2: Select your Course

➤ We have 18 Courses available this year, including 7 **NEW** offerings.
A course Description Catalog is included in this package.

STEP 3: Register for your Course

➤ Registration is now fully automated via the conference website at <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/lay/>
➤ There is NO paper registration.
➤ **Registration Closes on July 12th**. This date is dictated by our contract with Eastern University and cannot be extended.
A description of the registration process is included in this package.

STEP 4: Payment

The cost of attending the Laity Academy will remain the same for 2019.
This fee covers use of Eastern University, instruction costs, meals, and entertainment offerings.
\$110 - most Advanced courses
\$115 - BASIC course (includes course package)
\$120 - Making Every Prayer Count (includes book)
Payment is required to complete your registration. It may be made by credit card or check. If paying by check, your enrollment is not confirmed until the check is received by our registrar.
➤ **No** payments will be accepted at the event.

STEP 5: Scholarships

➤ Tuition Scholarships of \$55 are available through the Rita Barto Scholarship Fund.
➤ Support may be requested during the registration process by downloading the Scholarship Application form, ensuring both the applicant and their Pastor completes the form, then uploading it to the registration website.
➤ No paper submittals will be accepted.
➤ A student is eligible for a scholarship every 2 years or immediately following the completion of the Basic course.
More details are included on the Scholarship Application form.
A copy of the downloadable form is included in this package.

STEP 6: Select Housing Accommodations

You have 2 options this year for housing a dormitory room on campus or a local hotel.

➤ Dormitories:

Eastern is offering 45 dormitory suites for our use. They consist of 2 bedrooms with a shared bathroom. Each room contains 2 single beds. We are offering the following accommodations and cost:

\$100 – Single occupant

\$85 – Double occupancy

\$75 – 3 or 4 occupants per suite

This is the cost for the weekend NOT per night

These rooms are offered on a 1st come – 1st reserved basis.

You must register and pay for all roommate / occupants at the same time by credit card.

You must also accept the rules and regulations of Eastern University and their policy for lost keys as part of the registration.

Hotels

We were able again to negotiate some discounts at local hotels. We do not guarantee that these prices are the lowest you can find, based on web discounts or your membership rewards. Please take a look and shop around. A hotel guide is included in this package.

STEP 7: Understand the Rules at Eastern University

EPA Conference is under contract with Eastern University for our Laity Academy event. There rules and regulations imposed by the University that must be adhered to by all attendees and residents. Please review the list included in this package. You will be asked to acknowledge these regulations online if you select to stay in the dorms and by initialing at registration when you receive your electronic meal card.

STEP 8: COME and ENJOY your Weekend

Friday night Food

➤ There will be **NO** food served Friday night

If you wish to bring a picnic dinner, tables and chairs will be provided on the patio outside of McInnis Hall.

If you prefer to stop and dine before arriving, a restaurant guide is provided in this package.

Check-In process

- Follow the directional signs to the parking lot by Harold C Howard Center.
- Then follow the signs up the sidewalk to McInnis Hall.
- Check-in will be held in the lobby of McInnis Hall starting at 4:00 PM.
- Each attendee will be given an electronic key card for the dining facility and will be requested to initial that they understand the rules of the campus and accept responsibility for a \$10 fee if they do not return the card.
- If you are staying in the dormitories, a member of the Eastern staff will assign you an electronic key to your room. You may move your belongings into the room at your convenience.

Walking Tour

Eastern University was voted the 5th most beautiful Christian College campus. Take advantage of the walking trails, the ponds, and the uniqueness tucked into our area. Enjoy the splendor of God's creation and the solitude of the various settings for prayer and devotion.

Maps are available at the registration table.

Weekend Schedule

Friday	4:00 – 6:00	Check-in and picnic dinner on the patio	
	6:00	Opening program	<i>McInnis hall Performing Arts Center</i>
	7:00 – 9:00	Class instruction (2 hours)	
Saturday	8:00 - 8:45	Breakfast	<i>Walton Hall Dining</i>
		Devotional/Bible Study	
	9:00 - 11:30	Class instruction (2.5 hours)	<i>Classroom assignment will be I your program booklet</i>
	Noon – 1:00	Lunch	
	1:15 – 4:45	Class Instruction (3.5 hours)	
	5:00 – 6:00	Dinner	
Sunday	6:30	Evening Program	<i>McInnis Performing Arts Centre</i>
	8:00 - 8:45	Breakfast	<i>Walton Hall Dining</i>
		Devotional/Bible Study	
	8:00 – 9:00	return keys	<i>Walton Hall Lobby</i>
	9:00 - 11:00	Class instruction 2 hours)	
	11:30	Worship Service	<i>McInnis Performing Arts Centre</i>

Dormitory Check-out

Dormitory check-out time is 9:00 AM on Sunday

Please remove all personal items from the dormitory and load your car before heading to breakfast.

Keys may be returned in the lobby of Walton Hall

Offerings

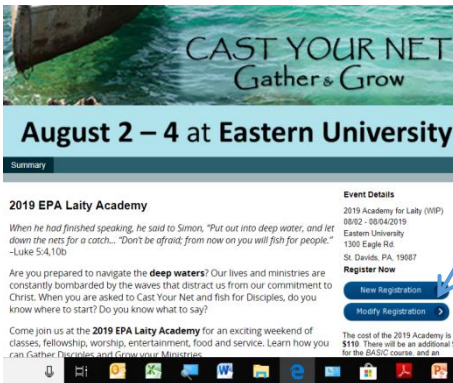
This year we will again be holding three (3) offerings during the weekend.

- **Rita Barto Scholarship fund**, a member of the Laity Planning team will be visiting your class on Saturday. This fund is extremely important and provides the ability to offer scholarships to the Academy.
- **Love Offering**, will be collected during the Saturday evening program and is used to pay for the entertainment throughout the weekend
- **Sunday Service** offering is predominately a mission offering for two South District mission projects: Hope Point Campus in Chester and the Summer Reading Camp at Cokesbury UMC. , with a portion being donated to the Sunday praise team.
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STEP 9: Share Your Thoughts

Don't forget to fill out your evaluation forms

REGISTRATION PROCESS



Registering for the Laity Academy is **completely online** this year. There are NO paper forms. Your process starts on the EPA website under the Lay Ministry page, <https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/lay/>.

1. Select the option for a **New Registration**
2. The next page is **Welcome**. Please supply
 - **Email address**, used to pull up your contact data
 - Identify if you are requesting a partial **scholarship**
3. Under **Attendee Information**
 - Verify or correct your **personal information**
 - **Membership**: Enter you **status**, **district**, and home **church**
 - Options: specify any **Dietary** or **Accessibility** concerns.

4. **Select Agenda** is where you identify your 1st and 2nd **course preference**.

There is a description of each course available by selecting [more info]

If you select a course which supplies additional materials, the cost of the course will change at the bottom of the page.

5. **Additional Attendees** permits you to register for multiple individuals under a single invoice. If you select Yes, you will be prompted to complete the above steps for each person.
6. The **Payment** screen will let you review all of the data you entered and then requests that you select payment by check or credit card. If someone else is paying for your courses or if payment is coming from your church, please supply their information so that the invoice and payment can be traced together. If paying by credit card, you will be prompted for your **credit card number** and its expiration date.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Anne Taylor at 610.324.4088 or Diana Wrisley at dianawrisley@verizon.net 267.992.1020.

2019 COURSE CATALOG

The courses offered at the 2019 Laity Academy are divided into the Christ Servant Ministry categories of the BASIC Course, Speaking, Leading, and Caring. This year you may select from 18 courses, including 7 **NEW** classes.. [Registration closes July 12th](#) .

BASIC

BASIC COURSE – The Journey Begins

Ready to explore God's call in your life? Take the first step in the Christ Servant Ministry program with others who have heard that still, small voice calling in the night or are sure they have been hit across the head with a two-by-four.. The Basic Course provides a firm foundational understanding of God's presence in our lives, the meaning and mission of the church, and insight into how and where you can apply the gifts you have and will receive from our Lord. You will learn about the need for servant ministries in our world and what it means to be a servant for Christ. The Basic Course is also the first step towards further development as a Certified Lay Speaker or Certified Lay Minister

Participants in this course must request the recommendation and approval from their Local Church and submit it with their registration. Registrants are required to complete assignments from a Basic Course Manual prior to attending the Laity Academy. There is also an additional \$5 fee for a Basic Course Manual as indicated on the registration form.

Instructor: Judy Ehninger, Certified Lay Minister

SPEAKING

SPEAKING 1: Preaching to be Heard

Speaking 1 is the basic course for those who wish to preach or to enhance their speaking abilities. This class will look at the focus of our preaching, share ideas on the development of sermons, and create an opportunity for each participant to develop and present a "mini" sermon to the group. An important part of this experience is the 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. Successful completion of Speaking 1 is one of the requirements to receive Certified Lay Speaker credentials.

Instructor: Rev Harold Burkett

HABLANDO 1: Predicando para ser Escuchado

Hablando 1 es el curso básico para aquellos que desean predicar o mejorar sus habilidades para hablar. Esta clase mirará el foco de nuestra predicación, compartirá ideas en el desarrollo de sermones, y creará una oportunidad para que cada participante desarrolle y presente un "mini" sermón al grupo. Una parte importante de esta experiencia es compartir la retroalimentación en un entorno de apoyo y seguridad para que todos los que deseen predicar puedan beneficiarse del grupo. La expectativa es que nuestro tiempo juntos será uno de alegría y emoción.

Instructor: Rev. Cesar A. De Paz

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, it is an art, and by following a few simple steps most preachers can improve their craft. 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. 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. Successful completion of Speaking 2 is one of the requirements to receive Certified Lay Speaker credentials.

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Lloyd F. Speer III, OSL,

LEADING

BIBLICAL STUDIES Bible Study for 21st Century Learners

NEW

Do you know how to read and interpret your Bible, or the difference between Bible Study and Biblical Study?

This course is designed to expose today's Bible reader to some of the basic approaches for interpreting the ancient biblical text in the 21st century. We will discuss the structure and history of the Bible and its translations. You will learn how to read the books of the Bible based on their authorship and literary style. We will explore the Bible in terms of what it meant then ("biblical studies" question) and what **does** it mean now ("Bible Study" question)? Recognizing the differences helps the reader to be a more informed.

Another important is recognizing that each person's perspective influences their interpreting the Bible. The context of the **YOU** reader/interpreter of the Bible. What are you looking for when you read the Bible? This is based on who we are, our class, our age, the racial and gender composition of our society and even by the ambience of the era in which we live.

This course will also explore the New Testament gospels, the differences between them and how Jesus is presented in each of the four gospels.

Instructor: RV. Dr. Frank Moore

CONFLICT: Working With Conflict: Making the Most of Diversity

NEW

Is there a storm brewing in your church, or are you in the middle of a thunderstorm? This course will help you identify what is conflict, where does it come from, and what kind of power does conflict have in congregations? You will explore the challenges and the gifts of conflict and learn how to invite people into the conversation.

Solutions are based on embracing the diversity within our congregations. The class will discuss What do we mean by diversity? Is every congregation diverse? What are the challenges and gifts of diversity? Resolutions and healing only occur through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit - We can't do this by Ourselves. You will learn how to incorporate Scripture, Prayer, Humility, Trust - in God and in our fellows, and letting God work through us.

Instructor: Beverly Andrews

DISASTERS: What's God Got To Do With It

NEW

You're going about your daily routine and the TV show is interrupted by a beep-beep-beep followed by a "Special Alert", then the sirens start to go off. Do you know what to do? Are you prepared? Is your family prepared? Is your church prepared? ... and then there is the next day.

This course is designed to help participants gain an understanding of what disasters are, the types of disasters, the phases of the disaster cycle and how we as the church can respond to those who have experienced disasters in ways that witness to God's love to all people regardless of their faith.

Instructor: Rev. Richard Rimert

DOCTRINE: Exploring Methodist Theology and Doctrine

Have you ever wondered why we do things the way we do on Sundays? Do you want to learn more about our Methodist 'Roots'? What were the Wesley's Thinking? What is this thing we call "Grace"? Then *Exploring Methodist Theology and Doctrine* is where you need to be this year.

Together with Rev. DiPaolo you will explore the theological and doctrinal heritage of Wesleyan Methodism. Our time together will include examining the background of 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 significance of the sacraments. We will pay special attention to practical tools for teaching and preaching in today's 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

EVANGELISM: Evangelism and Church Growth

NEW

Have you heard the phrase "Same old, same old"? Does that describe your church? Is your congregation stagnant in both attendance and in mission? Then you need to jump start your ministry with Church Growth: Establishing a Presence and Relevance in the Community.

This course will help you determine "Who you are" from the perspective of your church and then from the perspective of the community. Do you like what you see? Learn how to redirect your efforts and how to change the thinking of both your church and the community. This change is not easy or fast, you will learn how to develop a strategic plan, how to get members involved, and how to monitor your progress.

You will also learn that trying to change your church can not be done without the presence of the Lord. Exploring and practicing the 4 Stations of the Holy Spirit will equip every member with the outreach ability of one-on-one prayer, anointing with oil, celebrating Communion whenever needed, and finding a newness of life by reaffirmation of their baptism.

Instructor: Rev. Michael Netznik

GAMING: Generating Intense Bible Study Games for Adults

NEW

Using game theory, multiple intelligences, interactive teaching methods and scripture participants will explore creative ways to create bible studies. Gaming and playing games is a common connection all people have – games are ways we learn and experience life and share our thoughts and feelings. Playing games isn't for children or "geeks and nerds" – playing games is for everyone at all times. During this highly interactive workshop participants will explore the principles of game theory, instructional design, and interpreting scripture and create games that are bible studies. Each participant will leave with at least one game frame to use in bible studies and one game designed during the workshop. Join us as we take bible studies to the next level.

Instructor: Dave Piltz, Certified Lay Minister

MINISTRY: Ministry in the Margins

SPECIAL OFFERING

This course will explore the messianic platform of Jesus' ministry and how it is relevant today in our many social justice ministries: prison ministry, immigration reform, disability ministry, race and religion, and the role and status of women, to name a few. The United Methodist Social Principles as well as the history of the Methodist social movements under founder John Wesley and subsequent generations will be included.

Instructor: Bishop Peggy Johnson and Rev. Michael Johnson

SPIRITUAL GIFTS: Timeless Spiritual Gifts In A 21st Century Context

Have you ever wondered about the Gifts of the Spirit or Spiritual Gifts? Do you know that every believer in Jesus Christ has at least one supernatural gift? A spiritual gift, or charismata in Greek, is an endowment or extraordinary power given by the Holy Spirit. Spiritual Gifts are different than the Fruit of the Spirit given to all Christians as taught in Galatians 5:23. Spiritual Gifts are extraordinary graces given to ordinary folks. In this class, we will explore what the Bible teaches about these ancient, unchanging gifts and how they can be used to better our lives and advance the Kingdom of God in the 21st century. We will define and explore how to hone and strengthen the gifts given us while practicing deepening our own relationship with God who gives us all gifts. We will also explore how our gifts can be utilized in our local church context and denominational structure.

A Spiritual Gifts Test will be available before our class time together. We will also build relationship within our class because spiritual gifts as well as our faith is practiced in community.

Instructor: Rev. Missy Fuller

TECHNOLOGY: Using Technology for Worship: What, Why, When and How

UPDATED

This course will show participants the technology available for sharing Christ's message with people in the pews and other venues. With declining church attendance, technology is keeping people's minds focused on the subject, maintaining strong interest in our services, stimulating vital discussions and developing a burning desire to come back next week.

You will learn what technology is, how its use fits our theology, what is available, and how to implement its various elements in our new and older churches. We will explore what skills are necessary to effectively use the technology to advantage and talk about how congregants will view the use of modern equipment in our centuries-old church venues. We will address persons with seeing, hearing and mobility handicaps and how technology assists them, and we will address reaching out-of-church people on their own turf. You will understand licensing, privacy and security as well as what technology use costs in dollars and people's time.

This course takes us from years-ago equipment and techniques to what can be done today, with minimal expense and maximal benefit. Come learn how Jesus used the technology of His time and how we can become not just followers, but leaders in reaching people today toward discipleship.

Instructor: Aubrey Bates

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE: Maximize your Message and Ministry through Media and Marketing

Use today's online communication tools—websites, social media, e-mail, video, etc.—to put your church's digital lamp on its lampstand (Matthew 5:15-16). Mobilize community awareness and response to your church's message and ministries through media and marketing. We'll explore the development and strategic uses of marketing plans, Web ministry, storytelling, social media, video, and more tools and tactics to shine your light so that others may "see your good works and glorify your God in Heaven." We will also consider where churches can find help—for example, training, coaching, financial assistance and online resources from United Methodist Communications.

Lesson Outline:

1. Improve Communication in Your Church and Beyond
2. Build Your Church Marketing Plan, Using UCom's New Toolkit
3. Grow Your Church Online with Web Ministry
4. Connect Your Church and Community with Social Media
5. Reach and Inform Members with Email
6. Use Storytelling to Share Faith and Wisdom

Instructor: Pastor John Coleman and Pastor Kevin Kresge

CARING

Addiction Recovery Ministry: Prayer Powered Addiction Recovery (PPAR)©

Addiction to Alcohol, Opioid and other drugs is a disease, and is rampant in our society today. This course looks at the physical, psychological and spiritual aspects of this disease that destroys people, their relationships, the body, the mind and the spirit including the soul. We will examine how a prayer-centered support system can affect treatments and their successes and failures, then move to the 'Power of Prayer' of dealing with addicts; getting started, ministering to all laity, children, youth, adults, and "Long of Tooth." We will see that clergy as well as laity are subject to this calamity. Recovery treatment may require professional intervention, use of a 12-step program, and/or a "Rehabilitation" facility. We examine co-dependency, dual diagnosis, societal and behavioral aspects of addictions and chemical dependency, and we explore help available from resources outside the local church.

Instructor: Jon Kirkbride Sr., Certified Lay Minister

CREATING STATIONS OF HOPE: Restorative Justice

'Restorative justice,' as Howard Zehr, called the Father of Restorative Justice puts it, 'is not a map, but the principles of restorative justice can be seen as a compass pointing a direction.' Though its implementation looks different depending on the context, RJ is guided by a set of principles that are rooted in several core values. These values include respect, interconnectedness, and particularity. The belief that every human being by birthright has dignity and is to be treated with respect is central to RJ. Also, core is the belief that all people: are interconnected and that what affects one affects all. And while 'we are an interconnected, we are all different. Acknowledging and embracing particularity makes for a more open and diverse process that is more consistent with the human condition. RJ is a values-driven process. RJ is about holding people accountable with our Biblical value-based system while still finding resolution agreeable to all parties to repair the harm committed.

Instructor: Linda Van Til and Scott Johnson

FINISHING STRONG: Empowering, engaging and nurturing our aging congregations **NEW**

"Finishing Strong" - empowering congregations to recognize and minister to the needs of aging members, maximize their engagement and honor their contributions to the Body of Christ.

This course will encourage you to appreciate the gifts and contributions of older persons, no matter what stage of life they are in. It will help you to recognize the physical, spiritual, and social needs of these members so that your church can be more effective in older adult ministry and continue to benefit from the faith and wisdom of these individuals.

Lessons incorporate large and small group discussion, problem solving with real life scenarios, sharing of scriptures that relate to aging, humor, and use of multimedia. Written and online resources will be provided so that participants can share material with their pastor and church members.

Content includes: Physical, social and spiritual attributes of aging and the impact on congregations, discussion of how our churches can adapt environment and ministry to meet these needs, recognition of normal memory loss vs dementia, the importance of considering views about health issues and the advantages of communicating end of life wishes with family/close support persons. There is also attention to the role of Christian faith in helping us to finish strong, no matter what age we are when God calls us home.

Instructors: Margie Krut and Celeste Schiller

MAKING PRAYER COUNT: Making Every Prayer Count: Moving from ME to 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, hands-on activation, Q&A, and God surprises!

There is also an additional \$10 fee for a book as indicated on the registration form.

Instructor: Pastor Ruth Hendrickson



2019 Laity Academy Application for Scholarship



Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ email _____

Church Name _____

Pastor's Name _____ District _____

Pastor's email _____

Course being applied for Option 1 _____

Option 2 _____

Reason for Scholarship Application _____

Pastor's Statement of concurrence with this scholarship request

Pastor's Signature: _____

Please select type of scholarship:

- ☐ Half scholarship / Half from applicant = **\$55**
- ☐ Half scholarship / Half from Church = **\$55**

Submittal Process:

- **Scholarship forms must be submitted as an attachment to the *Laity Academy online Registration*.**
- **Payment method for the remaining cost must be processed through the online registration process.**
 - o Cost of each course for 2019 is an additional **\$55** (total \$110)
 - o Cost for the BASIC course is an additional **\$60** (total \$115)
 - o Cost of Making Every Prayer Count is an additional **\$65** (total \$120)

Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the scholarship committee as soon as possible on a first-come basis. Scholarships will be awarded through **July 5**, or until the Reta Bartow fund is depleted.

Application for Scholarship Instructions

The Laity Academy welcomes all persons interested in expanding their knowledge and strengthening their commitment to serving our Lord. It is recognized that for various reasons, some have difficulty being able to afford the cost of attending a multi-day event. To that end, some support may be available for these individuals through the Reta Bartow Scholarship Fund.

The Academy is a **not**-for-profit venture. Academy fees are set such that the Academy breaks even on costs, and most of the cost is in instructional costs, facility fees and food; with some publishing and support costs.

There are several changes to the scholarship process for 2019:

- Due to the growing requests and attendance at the Laity Academy, Scholarship will only be awarded for **½ of the tuition costs** in the amount of \$55.
- The registration process is totally online this year, there are **no mail-in forms**
- Scholarship applications must be completed on the paper form and then **posted to the registration page** on the conference website.
- Additional costs may be paid by the applicant or church via a **credit card or check**.

The cost of accommodations is always a concern. This year you have 2 options:

- Hotel discounts have been negotiated to keep costs at a minimum; please refer to the Hotel Guide on the conference website for potential discounts.
- Eastern University is offering **dormitory accommodation at an extremely reduced cost**. Please refer to the Dormitory Guide on the conference website for a description of the rooms, process, and registration process.

Please follow the following process when applying for a scholarship

Every applicant is responsible for approaching your local church for funding prior to submitting a scholarship request. Each church is encouraged to support their congregants in their training.

1. Open the Lay Ministry page on the EPAUMC website
<https://www.epaumc.org/ministry/lay/> and scroll down to the Laity Academy section.
2. Download a copy of the *Application for Scholarship* form
3. Complete a **paper version** of the *Application for Scholarship* form
4. Ensure that your Pastor completes the assessment of need and signs the application
5. Every applicant is responsible for submitting a complete and readable form. If the form is incomplete the application will not be processed.
6. Select the Laity Academy Registration option and supply your personal data including your 1st and 2nd course preferences.
7. If Scholarships are still available, select **Scholarship, when prompted for payment method**.
8. When prompted, upload your scholarship form (follow the online directions)
9. The remainder of the tuition fee must be paid either by credit card or cash:
 - If using a credit card for the remaining cost, enter the data requested.
 - If paying the remaining cost with a check, please mail the check to

Anna Taylor

968 Terrace Lane Pottstown, PA 19464

contact: 610-324-4088

You will receive notice of your approval in approximately 3 days

Please Note: Completed applications will be processed in the order received.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Diana Wrisley at dianawrisley@verizon.net or 267.992.1020

CAMPUS RULES AND REGULATIONS

KEYS

Each attendee at Laity Academy will be issued an **e-card** for access to the dining facilities and an **electronic room key** if staying in the dormitories. These keys will be distributed Friday evening in the lobby of McInnis Hall and collect Sunday morning after breakfast in the lobby of Warner Hall.

EPA Conference will be assessed a \$35.00 charge for all residence hall room keys and a \$10.00 charge for all e-cards not returned at check-out (total of \$45 for a key set). These fees will be billed to the credit card used during registration by the EPA Conference Financial office If not returned to the Academy Registration table by the conclusion of Sunday Services.

UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS

All **attendees, instructors, and guests** are required to adhere to all University policies, regulations, guidelines, and all local, state and federal laws concerning health, safety and public order.

Failure to comply with these regulations may result in forfeiture of the privilege of using University facilities and services, or termination of this **event**.

University regulations include but are not limited to the following:

- **Smoking is not permitted anywhere on the campus.**
- The use or possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on campus is strictly prohibited.
- Firearms, weapons, ammunition, fireworks, explosive and highly flammable materials are not allowed within the residence halls, buildings, or on the grounds
- A prank phone call to 911 will result in a fine of no less than \$125, based on current statute
- **Access to the turf field is prohibited during Laity Academy**
- Animals are not allowed in any location in the residence halls or dining room, except service animals.
- Movement of any Eastern University furniture is prohibited unless arrangements are made with the Director of Conferences. **Instructors are permitted to rearrange desks and chairs within their classrooms.**
- Attaching any object to any University premise by nail, screw, or alteration of the premises in any manner whatsoever without the prior permission of the Director of Conferences is not allowed.
- **Butcher paper, posters, flipcharts, etc. may only be hung in the classrooms using painter's tape or poster putty. All material must be removed by the instructor at the completion of the course.**
- No signs may be put up or placed in the ground without permission of the Conference Director
- No directional signs maybe placed on the private property that surrounds the University
- Parking in Resident Hall Director assigned parking spots or other designated/reserved parking spots are prohibited. Violators will be ticketed and/or towed.
- Parking in the service or fire lanes adjacent to the residence halls or other University buildings is not allowed. Violators will be ticketed and/or towed.
- Tampering with or removal of windows or window screens from any part of any building is not allowed.
- Tampering with the fire system or firefighting equipment is not allowed and is punishable by federal law.
- Removal of lounge or common area furniture into individual rooms is not allowed without prior permission from the Director of Conferences.
- Unlocking of common area doors which are to be continuously locked or locked at specified periods of time is not allowed.
- Propping open of fire or entry doors is not allowed.
- Storage areas are off-limits to the Purchaser and its participants.
- Gambling or solicitation in any form is not permitted.

Additional Dormitory Regulations

- Male and female guests may share floors but have separate bathroom facilities.
- Shared rooms are permitted only for married couples, or occupants of the same sex.
- Bicycles are not allowed in residence halls, study rooms or stairwells.
- Hot plates or similar appliances are not permitted in rooms nor is any type of cooking allowed in any room.
- Remodeling or renovating of rooms or furniture, tampering with the electrical or mechanical fixtures in the rooms, placement of antennas for radios, television, etc. out of the windows, is not permitted.

The University may exercise the following rights:

1. To revoke campus privileges including residency in or utilization of its buildings to any occupant whose conduct, solely in the University opinion,
 - becomes injurious or potentially injurious to the University community or its guests
 - becomes contrary to the mission of the University.
 - violates any University policy or code of conduct.
2. To enter any room for the purpose of inspection, repair, or emergency
3. To reassign residents, after timely notification, in order to accomplish necessary repairs and renovation to the building

HOUSING

DORMITORIES

Eastern University is providing 45 dormitory suites for our use during Laity Academy. These suites consist of two bedrooms with a shared bathroom. Each bedroom contains 2 twin beds, desks and dressers. Linens are included, but it is recommended that you bring your favorite pillow and “blankie”. The buildings have WiFi but there are no televisions, phones, or refrigerators in the rooms.

The buildings are secure with 24/7 maintenance support/ Each room is air conditioned and elevators are available in each building. The rules and regulations for staying in the dorms is included in this package



These suites may be bare-bone; but are offered at a cost savings that should help encourage members to attend the Academy.

The cost of a dorm suite is based on occupancy. You are responsible for identifying your roommates during the registration process. The cost of the dormitories is

- \$75 per person for 3 or 4 residents
- \$85 per person for double occupancy
- \$100 for single occupancy room

Registration is first-come-first-reserved and may be made via credit card on the conference website under the registration page.

A screenshot of the Eastern University website for the 2019 EPA Laity Academy registration page. The page has a header with the text "Gather & Grow" and "August 2 – 4 at Eastern University". Below the header, there is a "Summary" tab and a "2019 EPA Laity Academy" section. The "2019 EPA Laity Academy" section contains a quote from Luke 5:4,10b, a paragraph about navigating the "deep waters", and a paragraph about joining the academy. There are also links for "New Registration" and "Modify Registration". A blue arrow points from the text "The online request for a dormitory works the same as your course registration." to the "New Registration" link. Another blue arrow points from the text "The process is 'Wordy' since you will be asked to acknowledge the rules and regulations of Eastern University." to the "Modify Registration" link. A third blue arrow points from the text "There are 2 special items to be aware of:" to a list of two items: "Dormitories may only be reserved with a credit card" and "If multiple people are rooming with you, you must include all contact information and payment at the same time." The "Costs:" section is partially visible at the bottom.

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There are 2 special items to be aware of:

- Dormitories may only be reserved with a credit card
- If multiple people are rooming with you, you must include all contact information and payment at the same time.

HOTELS

The Laity Academy Planning team has negotiated lower rates at the following hotels. Please be aware that these rates may only be valid through July 1st. Please confirm with each hotel and let them know you are with the EPAUMC Laity Academy.

Please also be aware that we do not guarantee that these are the lowest rates you can find, personal discounts and travel sites may offer lower prices.



Holiday Inn Express

260 N Gulph Rd, King of Prussia, PA 19406
(610) 768-9500
Standard Double Room **\$109**
King Suite **\$129**

HOTEL AMMENITIES: • Complimentary Express Start hot breakfast served daily 7:00 am to 10:00 am on weekends • Complimentary Wi-Fi access • Complimentary parking • 24-Hour complimentary coffee/tea/hot chocolate • Fitness center • Business center / complimentary printing • 24-Hour snack shop

Booking Link:

<https://www.hiexpress.com/redirect?path=rates&brandCode=EX&localeCode=en®ionCode=1&hotelCode=KPDPA&checkInDate=02&checkInMonthYear=072019&checkOutDate=04&checkOutMonthYear=072019&PMID=99801505&GPC=LAI&cn=no&viewfullsite=true>



Hampton Inn

W. Dekalb Pike (Rt. 202) King of Prussia, PA 19406
(610) 962-8111
Double Room (2 beds) **\$105 per night**

Free Hot Breakfast daily; High speed Internet, Honors guests have option to earn



Embassy Suites

888 Chesterbrook Blvd Wayne, PA 19087
By Hilton Philadelphia Valley Forge
(610) 647-6700
King Suites (King Bed and pull out sofa) **\$99 per night**

Complimentary Wi-Fi /cardo machines, weight room, jogging track adjacent to hotel

Indoor pool, whirlpool sundeck

Complimentary breakfast made to order every morning and complimentary snack and drinks in evening

Restaurant Guide

The restaurant list below are extractions from local restaurant guides or recommendations from members of the planning team. The inclusion or exclusion of any restaurant does not imply an endorsement.

MISSION BBQ

mission-bbq.com
120 Village Drive, King of Prussia, PA 19406
(484) 637-2595

MIDICI NEAPOLITAN PIZZA

mymidici.com
201 Main St, Suite 100 King of Prussia, PA
(484) 322-2579

CITY WORKS EATERY & POUR HOUSE

cityworksrestaurant.com
220 Main St. King of Prussia, PA 19406
(484) 690-4150

CHILI'S

www.chilis.com
739 W Dekalb Pike, King Of Prussia, PA 19406 ·
(610) 992-0899

WAWA

wawa.com
215 W Lancaster Ave, Wayne, PA 19087
(610) 688-7313

SMASHBURGER

smashburger.com
50 E Lancaster Ave, Radnor, PA 19087
(610) 200-5225

333 BELROSE BAR & GRILL

333belrose.com
333 Belrose Ln, Radnor, PA 19087
(610) 293-1000

PLAZA AZTECA

plazaazteca.com
153 S Gulph Rd, King Of Prussia, PA 19406 ·
(610) 265-1170

BAHAMA BREEZE

bahamabreeze.com
320 Goddard Blvd, King Of Prussia, PA 19406
(610) 491-9822

THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY

thecheesecakefactory.com
640 W Dekalb Pike, King of Prussia, pa 19406
(610) 337-2200

PIETRO'S COAL OVEN PIZZERIA

pietropizza.com
236 N Radnor Chester Rd, Radnor, PA 19087
(484) 367-7072

WAWA

wawa.com
196 S Gulph Rd, King Of Prussia, PA 19406
(610) 265-1861

HARVEST SEASONAL GRILL & WINE BAR

harvestseasonalgrill.com
555 E Lancaster Ave, Radnor, PA 19087
(484) 584-4975

HONEYGROW

honeygrow.com
230 N Radnor Chester Rd, Radnor, PA 19087
(610) 688-8393