

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

LOCAL CHURCH _____

Purpose for attending (please check):

_____ Self Improvement

_____ Certified Lay Servant

Course Offerings (please check one):

_____ Introduction to Lay Ministry

_____ U.M.H. Heritage (Living Our Faith)

_____ Worshiping With United Methodist

_____ Transforming Community

_____ Bible Study: Joshua

Registration Fee: \$20.00

Make Checks Payable to:

Chicago Southern District

Lay Servant Ministry Academy

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Daily Schedule

Registration & Book Sale.....8 am

Worship.....8:30 am

Class Session.....9 am – 3 pm

**Chicago Southern District
Lay Servant Academy
Fall, 2019**



Session Schedule – Two Saturdays

October 5, 2019 – 8 am – 3 pm

October 12, 2019 – 9 am – 3 pm

Faith United Methodist Church

15015 Grant Street

Dolton, IL 60419

Rev. Charles Straight - Pastor

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Certified Lay Servants

Requirements for Certified Lay Servants:

- (1) Apply in writing to the Lay Servant Ministry Academy Committee and be recommended by the Pastor and the Administrative Council or Church Conference of the local church where he/she holds membership.
- (2) Complete the Basic Course
- (3) Complete the United Methodist Heritage See ¶1668 of the 2016 UM Book of Discipline.

Re-certification of Lay Servants

Requirements for re-certification of Lay Servants:

- (1) Endorsement of the Pastor and Administrative Council or Church Conference.
- (2) Written request for re-certification
- (3) Completion of an Advanced Course every three (3) years.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES ACADEMY

2019 Fall Session Course offerings

1. **Introduction to Lay Servant and Lay Speakers: Basic Course** (Book cost \$11.00) **Mr. James Barry**, a Certified Lay Servant and a member of LaGrange First UMC, LaGrange, IL, is the instructor for this course. The Basic Course is the foundation for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Students will learn the importance of exercising servant leadership and developing future leaders

2. **United Methodist Heritage – Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way** (Book cost - \$13.00) **Mrs. Vanessa Jones-Lyles**, Certified Lay Servant and member of Hartzell UMC, Chicago, IL, is the instructor of this course. This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st century church.

3. **Worshipping with United Methodist** (Book cost \$12.00) **Ms. Geraldine Jordan**, Certified Lay Servant, St. Mark UMC, Chicago, IL, is the instructor. This course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship.

4. **Transforming Community**, (Book cost \$15.00) Advance Course, Instructor, **Mrs. Lois Nemeth**, Certified Lay Servant, member of Olympia Fields UMC, Olympia Fields, IL. This course teaches the Wesleyan Way to form missional communities and congregations. It is based on the conviction that just as holiness of heart leads to holiness of life, it is communities of holy love that participate in God's mission in the world.

5. **Bible: Joshua**
Rev. Charles Straight, Senior Pastor at Faith UMC, Dolton, IL. JOSHUA tells how Israel settled in Canaan, the land God promised to give them. The first part (1-12) the Lord helped Israel capture many of the towns. The second

part (13-24) describes how each tribe received its land they captured east of the Jordan River.

Statement of Purpose

All Laity are Welcome! You do not need to participate in the Lay Servant Ministry program to attend. These courses can help you better serve your church.

The Chicago Southern District Lay Servant Ministry Academy provides opportunities for all persons to nurture their religious knowledge within a fellowship of Christian friends.

Requirements

1. **No pre-requisites** are required. A Layperson may take any course for *self-improvement* without prior course work
2. **Attendance is required** at ALL sessions in order to obtain credit for taking the class. If a session is missed, the instructor must be satisfied that the student meets the established goals of the course.
3. Persons seeking to become **Certified Lay Servants** must take prescribed courses

ALL Lay Servants and Lay Speakers are REQUIRED to submit annual reports to their Church Conference.