

PRAIRIE NORTH FALL 2025 LAY ACADEMY

Sat., November 15

8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun., November 16

1 to 4:30 p.m.



Cost:

Lunch (Saturday only),
snacks, water and coffee
will be provided.

- **\$20** before or on Oct. 1
- **\$25** before or on Nov. 10

Rockford: Grace UMC 3555 McFarland Rd., Rockford

Class Options: (one course per academy)

1 Basic Course: This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship.

Book: *Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Guide* by Sandy Zeigler Jackson & Brian Jackson.

2 Leading in Worship: This course focuses on lay servants who regularly or occasionally lead a group or congregation in worship.

Book: *Worshiping with United Methodists (revised)* by Hoyt Hickman

3 Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (United Methodist Polity): This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. A copy of the 2020/2024 *Book of Discipline* is recommended.

Book: *Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church* by Thomas Edward Frank

4 Leading Missional Small Groups: 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.

Book: *Transforming Community, Participant's Book* by Henry H. Knight III and F. Douglas Powe, Jr.

All books may be purchased at your favorite bookseller.
All class times must be attended to receive course credit.

QUESTIONS?

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Register Online: Registration Deadline: Mon., Nov. 10

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