

LAKE NORTH FALL 2026 LAY ACADEMY

Sat., Nov. 7th

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sat., Nov. 14th

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



Cost \$40

Catered lunches, breakfast, and beverages will be provided.

Oak Park: Euclid Ave. 405 S. Euclid Ave., Oak Park

Class Options: (one course per academy)

- 1 Basic Lay Servant 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.
Instructor: Shaun Barton, CLM
Book: *Lay Servant Ministries, Basic Course* by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson
- 2 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. Instructor: Peggy Hansen, CLM
Book: *The Method of Our Mission* by Lacey C. Warner
- 3 Fresh Expressions:** Beginning where discipleship always starts (relationships), participants will grasp how genuine, authentic gatherings meet people where they are and can become means of grace for both those disconnected from church and those who long to see others made whole by grace. Instructor: Rev. Clayton Edwards and Pastor David Profit
Book: *Fresh Expressions: A New Kind of Methodist Church for People Not in Church* by Kenneth H. Carter Jr. and Audrey Warren
- 4 Embracing Personal Prayer:** In this class, we will examine each's own prayer life and discover tools to help in the process of entering personal prayer. Methods such as fasting, listening, using Scripture, hymns, journaling and intercessory prayer can help all grow in prayer in practical ways.
Instructor: Jim Hagedorn
Book: *Lord, Teach Us to Pray* by Margie Burger
- 5 Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia Through Spiritual Lens:** This course is designed to help laity and clergy deepen their understanding of persons living with dementia and help all maintain their identity and worth as beloved children of God. Instructor: Deaconess Martha Lundgren
Book: *Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia through a Spiritual Lens* by Kenneth L. Carder

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:

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