

LAKE SOUTH SPRING 2026 LAY ACADEMY



Sat., March 7

9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Sat., March 14

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Cost \$20

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

Dolton: Faith UMC 15015 Grant St., Dolton

Class Options: (one course per academy)

- 1 Opening Ourselves to Grace:** This course is designed to help participants learn about grace while exploring the practice that help them nurture and watch over one another in love.
Instructor: Becky Casey, CLM
Downloadable PDF: *Opening Ourselves to Grace: The Means of Grace and Discipleship* by Steven W. Manskar
- 2 The Millennial Narrative: Sharing a Good Life with the Next Generation:** Participants will rediscover the book of Joel as a script that resonate with the lives of young people, learn to tell a life giving story, lead differently with young people. Instructor: Lois Nemeth, CLM
Book: *The Millennial Narrative: Sharing a Good Life with the Next Generation* by Jaco J. Hamman
- 3 Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Groups Bible Studies:** Participants will be taught how to shape a study of scripture for a small group, how to teach so the witness of the Bible are respected and honored, and how to help today's readers find meaning and direction. Instructor: Robert Massey, Sr. CLM
Book: *Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Groups Bible Studies* by Jack L. Seymour
- 4 Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course:** This course is foundational for all courses in Lay servant ministries. The participants are encouraged to discover and employ Personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising Servant leadership. Instructor; Glynis Massey, CLS.
Book: *Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Guide* by Sandy Zeigler Jackson & Brian Jackson.
- 5 For The Common Good: Discovering and Using your Spiritual Gifts:** This Course offers a scriptural understanding of spiritual gifts as always given for the Common Good' by Helping participants identify and link their gifts, abilities, and sense of calling, laity Will learn the powerful connection between spiritual gifts and vocational discernment In the content of the mission of their local church.
Instructor: Jessica Houston, CLS
Book: *For The Common Good* by Christine Harmon

QUESTIONS?

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