



Rockford District Spring Lay Academy

April 14 - 15, 2018

Stockton: Wesley UMC

127 E. Benton, Stockton

Register at www.umcnic.org/calendar/rockford-district-lay-academy

\$40 by Saturday, March 31st / \$45 after the 31st

No refunds made after 3/31

Schedule: April 14th 7:30 – 8:00 am registration / day ending at 4:45 pm
April 15th 1:00 – 4:30 pm

BASIC COURSE:

Lay Servant Ministries + *

Learn the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in discipleship.

ADVANCED COURSES:

Living as a United Methodist (UM Heritage) + *

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.

Leading Public Prayer *

Prayer is something we learn; it is something that can be taught. For many however, the only teaching about prayer they ever receive is modeled in Sunday worship. This course may challenge some of your assumptions, test some of your preconceived ideas, stretch your thinking and enrich your prayer life. It will, at the very least, present you with an opportunity to grow in the discipline of leading public prayer.

Leading Worship *

This course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship. THE FOLLOW UP CLASS: "PLANNING WORSHIP" WILL BE OFFERED AT THE FALL ACADEMY.

Lay Pastoral Care Giving

This course opens a new world for many lay servants who have not had professional training in biblical interpretation. It reminds us as United Methodists that Bible study and biblical interpretation are a core part of our spiritual journey.

+ Required course for Certified Lay Servant

* Required course for Certified Lay Speaker

Sponsored by Rockford District Committee on Lay Servant Ministry
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