

REGISTRATION FORM

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ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

Email: _____

LOCAL CHURCH _____

Dietary needs(?) _____

Purpose for attending (please check)

_____ Self-Improvement

_____ Certified Lay Servant

Course Offerings (please check one)

_____ Introduction to Lay Ministry (English)

_____ Introduction to Lay Ministry (Spanish)

_____ Living Our UM Beliefs (English)

_____ Living Our UM Beliefs (Spanish)

Below courses are only in English:

_____ Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

_____ Leading in Worship

_____ Leading in Prayer

Registration Fee \$40 by **March 5, 2019.**

To Register Online:

<https://www.umcnic.org/calendar/elgin-district-spring-lay-academy>

Make checks payable to: NIC UMC

(Elgin Lay Academy) in memo

Mail to: Aurora/Elgin Regional Office 217

Division St., Elgin, IL, 60124 or email

Natarsha Gardner, ngardner@umcnc.org.

To become a Certified Lay Servant, you must:

1. be recommended by the pastor and church council or charge conference of the United Methodist church in which you hold membership.
2. Complete the "Introduction to Lay Ministries: The BASIC Course."
3. Complete an advanced lay servant ministries course.
4. Apply to and have qualifications reviewed by the district committee on lay servant ministries or equivalent structure (See ¶668.3).

To become a Certified Lay Speaker, you must:

1. Be certified as a lay servant (or equivalent as defined by your central conference)
2. Obtain recommendation from the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church in which you hold membership.
3. Complete a track of study including courses on leading worship, leading prayer, discovering spiritual gifts, preaching, United Methodist heritage and polity, and/ or other courses as determined by the conference committee on lay servant ministries or equivalent structure.
4. Interview with and obtain recommendation from the district committee on lay servant ministries, or equivalent structure, to be submitted to the conference committee on lay servant ministries, or equivalent structure, for approval and certification.

ELGIN DISTRICT

SPRING 2019

LAY SERVANT ACADEMY



March 9th and 16th, 2019

8:00 am - 3:30 pm

9:00 am - 3:30 pm

Roselle UMC

206 S. Rush Street

Roselle, IL 60172

*Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath,
Elgin District Superintendent*

*Stephen Schiller,
Elgin District Director
Lay Servant Ministries*

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY ACADEMY

2019 Spring Session: Course Offerings

Introduction to Lay Servant Ministry: *The BASIC Course*

The foundational course for all lay servant ministries will encourage students to discover and use 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 in a group that holds members accountable in discipleship.

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (*United Methodist Heritage*)

Participants will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that the UMC brings to the church universal. Participants will learn how we got where we are today and how our distinctive emphases are still needed.

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also be equipped to be spiritual leaders and lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.

Leading Worship

This course focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who leads a group or congregation in worship.

Shaping the Prayers of the People

This course offers a model of profound and accessible congregational prayer. At once inspirational and practical, it will empower and equip laypeople and clergy alike to offer heartfelt, informed, and appropriate prayers on behalf of the people of God.

Course Materials: Participants are encouraged to purchase books ahead to allow for reading. All are available through Bookstore.UpperRoom.org as well as other online sources.

The BASIC Course -

Lay Servant Ministries or Ministerios De Servicio laico - Curso basico (Spanish)

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs -

Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts -

Each One a Minister

Leading Worship -

Worshipping With United Methodists (REVISED)

Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession

ACADEMY SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 9, 2019

8:00 - 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 8:50 am	Opening Worship
9:00 - 12:00 noon	Class Session 1*
12:00 - 12:40 pm	Lunch
12:45 - 3:30 pm	Class Session 2*

Saturday, March 16, 2019

8:30 - 8:50 am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 12:00 noon	Class Session 3*
12:00 - 12:40 pm	Lunch
12:45 - 2:45 pm	Class Session 4*
2:55 - 3:30 pm	Closing Worship w/ Certificates

**Short break will be given during each session*

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

- No prerequisites are required for any course.
- Any course may be taken for self-improvement.
- Attendance is required at ALL sessions in order to obtain credit for taking the class.

LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES is a leadership development program in The United Methodist Church focused on equipping and empowering laypersons who have responded to the call of God to serve in mission and ministry. These laypersons are called to live out their own discipleship as servants in leadership through the ministries of leading, caring, and communicating. Being called to ministry is a serious endeavor. It takes a disciple to make a disciple. Thus we must do all we can to prepare ourselves and others to serve. Additional information at www.UMCdiscipleship.org/laity.