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For Class Registration

<http://dscumc.org/lay-servant-ministries-training-sessions/>

2018 Calendar in Review

January 19-20, 2018

St. Matthew UMC (East District)

Come to the Table: Communion

Dancing with Words

February 23-24, 2018

Gila Mountain UMC (West District)

Leading Bible Study

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection

March 2-3, 2018

First UMC, Mesa (East District)

Basic

Called to Preach

April 13-14, 2018

Willowbrook UMC (West District)

Basic

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs

Leading in Prayer

May 18-19, 2018

Red Mountain UMC (East District)

Leading Worship

Leading Bible Study

July 13-14, 2018

Prescott Valley UMC (West District)

Basic

Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution

August 10-11, 2018

White Mountain UMC (East District)

Basic

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

September 28-29, 2018

Community Church of Buckeye (West District)

Planning Worship

Come to the Table: Communion

October 19-20, 2018

Sun Lakes UMC (East District)

Lay Pastoral Care Giving

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection

November 16-17, 2018

Trinity UMC, Phoenix (West District)

Basic

From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon



Lay Servant Ministries

East & West District
Desert Southwest Conference
of The United Methodist Church

2018 Schedule of Training

“Very truly I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them.” John 13:17

Purpose

The purpose of Lay Servant Ministries is to enlist, train, guide and support lay servants as they equip and prepare others “for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (Ephesians 4:12)

Lay Servant Ministries is deeply embedded in the history of United Methodism as John Wesley realized the laity could be effective leaders of meetings throughout the church. Roles included leadership in preaching and conducting worship but also leadership in leading studies, visiting the sick, and imprisoned. Lay Servants were encouraged to “watch over one another with love.” The three tenets of Lay Servant Ministries are LEADING, CARING, and COMMUNICATING in mission and ministry within and beyond the United Methodist Church.

Certified Lay Servant

Serves the local congregation and beyond. They are recommended by the Pastor and approval by the Charge Conference. They must have taken the Basic Course and at least one advanced course. They are required to file an annual report and must complete one advanced course every three years.

Certified Lay Speaker

A Certified Lay Servant who provides pulpit supply. They are recommended by the Pastor and Charge Conference, are interviewed by the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries, and approved by the Annual Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries. They must complete a course of study including the Basic course and six required advanced courses. They are required to file an annual report and complete an advanced course every three years.

Certified Lay Minister

A Certified Lay Servant or Lay Speaker who is assigned by the District Superintendent to a particular ministry within the district or annual conference. This ministry is under the jurisdiction of the District Committee on Ordained Ministry.

Course Requirements - Certified Lay Speaker

Basic

East – Mar 2-3, Aug 10-11

West – Apr 13-14, Jul 13-14, Nov 16-17

Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

East – Aug 10-11

Leading in Prayer

West – Apr 13-14

Leading Worship

East – May 18-19

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection

East – Oct 19-20

West – Feb 23-24

Living Our United Methodist Beliefs

West – Apr 13-14

Called to Preach

East – Mar 2-3

