

## **LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES**

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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.

As Conference Director, I work with four district directors: East, West, North and South. These directors hold classes to help persons who wish to be certified as Lay Servants, Lay Speakers, and Lay Ministers. To become a Certified Lay Servant, one must take the Basic Course and one Advanced Course. They can go on and become a Certified Lay Speaker by taking the required six classes. To become a Certified Lay Minister, one must be a Certified Lay Servant and finish four learning modules and be approved by their District Committee Ordained Ministers (DCOM) with final approval coming from the Conference Director Lay Servant Ministries.

If anyone is interested in becoming a Certified Lay Servant, Certified Lay Speaker, or a Certified Lay Minister, please contact me at [sherylmckinney899@gmail.com](mailto:sherylmckinney899@gmail.com) or 602-620-1296 and I will be glad to connect you with your district director.