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2018 Lay Servant Academy  
August 17-19

4H Educational Conference Center – 775 Hermitage Rd., Wirtz, VA  
<http://retreatatsmithmountainlake.com/>

**We are excited to be offering some new classes this year and fantastic worship  
as we fellowship, worship, pray, and Learn & Love like Jesus!**

The Lay Servant Academy is about equipping Laity (those who are not clergy) to carry out the mission of the church. “The mission of the Virginia Annual Conference is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world by equipping its local churches for ministry and by providing a connection for ministry beyond the local church; all to the glory of God.”

All of the courses are open to anyone who would like to take one. Each course is designed to help those serving the local church learn more about leadership, personal faith development, and a deeper understanding of the United Methodist church.

Our courses are designed to support those seeking to become Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Speakers.

Encourage your friends and church leadership to come and learn!

Click here to register online and pay by credit card or complete the form below.



**Questions?** Contact David Bailey [dw.bailey@comcast.net](mailto:dw.bailey@comcast.net) (804) 338-3168

Full Academy Registration Fee: \$185 if registered by July.15th \$200 after July 15th

Commuter Rate (no lodging): \$90 includes 4 meals (no breakfasts)

Private Room Surcharge: \$25 (private rooms may have shared hall baths)

*Full Academy includes lodging for 2 nights and all meals (Dinner Fri. through Lunch Sun.)*

Enter Course Number Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church and District: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name and Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Special dietary or rooming needs: \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate Preference: \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if you request a private room for the additional fee: \$25

*Make checks payable to: Virginia Conference UMC*

Mail completed form and payment to:

VAUMC P.O. Box 5606 Glen Allen, VA 23228 Attn: Cindy Ingroff

**A few important notes:**

**Required Text Books must be purchased in advance and brought with student.**

*Classes require a minimum of 6 participants – hopefully we will not cancel any!*

*You will receive a notice when the class has enough students and it is time to purchase your book.*

***Books are available through Amazon and Cokesbury***

**Registration deadline is August 1st, 2018**

*Registrations may be cancelled prior to August 1st without penalty.*

*Inclement weather refunds will be negotiated with the facility by the LSA director.*

**Due to prior expenses incurred when people didn't show up, or cancelled at the last minute, we will not be able to accept registrations or payment at the door.**

**Register Early to get the class you want! We will close classes as they fill up.**

**There is a limited number of private rooms available. First come first serve.**

For more information about Lay Servant Ministries in general please contact your district lay servant director

<https://www.vaumc.org/page.aspx?pid=3238>

Marc Brown	Course 1: Transformational Leaders
Jennifer Moore	Course 2: Preaching from Your Heart to Theirs
Andrew Ware	Course 3: Polity of the United Methodist Church
Norman Ramsey / Tianna Durbin	Course 4: Music in Worship and Ministry
Martha Stokes	Course 5: Pastoral Care Giving
Anthony Budzik	Course 6: The Bible for Lay Ministers
Betty Marshall	Course 7: Discover Your Spiritual Gifts
Kathryn Budzik	Course 8: Basic Course

**Course 1: Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders** Instructor: Rev. Marc Brown  
 Required Participant's Book: Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders by Brown, Merry, Briggs  
 \* Fills requirement for certified lay servant and recertification of lay servant.  
 \* Fills requirement for lay speaker and recertification of lay speaker.

Building on the congregational strategic planning resource, "Does Your Church Have a Prayer?" this class will guide Lay Servants seeking to be more empowered to lead their congregations toward vitality. Written with two distinct purposes, Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders will first define the three disciplines of Christian transformational leadership and the four qualities of Christian transformational leaders.

**Course 2: Preaching from Your Heart to Theirs** Instructors: Rev. Jennifer Vestal Moore, Rev. Jeff Roberts  
 Required Participant's Book: Go Preach! By John P. Gilbert  
 \* Fills requirement for certified lay servant and recertification of lay servant.  
 \* Fills requirement for lay speaker and recertification of lay speaker.

Practical tools for effective preaching are offered in this class designed for those who fill in for the pastor from time to time. These tools will also help those who teach in the church classroom as well as those who serve in leadership. Topics covered include: types of sermons, using the hymnal for story, children's message, written word resources, beyond the paper, clear communication and presentation.

**Course 3: Polity of the United Methodist Church** Instructor: Rev. Andrew Ware  
 Required Participant's Book: Book of Discipline 2016  
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 \* Fills requirement for lay speaker and recertification of lay speaker.

Discover the ins-and-outs of the method of Methodism. 1) To enhance familiarity and facility in usage of The Book of Discipline of the UMC; 2) To gain a working knowledge and understanding of the polity of the UMC in its various forms as practiced in the life of congregations, conferences, and the connection; 3) To explore the theology, history, disciplines, and social principles of United Methodism in relation to the ministry and mission of the church in the world.

**Course 4: Music in Worship and Ministry** Instructors: Rev. Norman Ramsey and Tianna Durbin  
Required Participant's Book: *The Worship Workshop: Creative Ways to Design Worship Together* by Marcia McFee

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- \* Fills requirement for lay speaker and recertification of lay speaker.

Music can be used in so many ways: worship, witness, evangelism, healing, celebrating, and as a spiritual discipline. Whether you sing, play an instrument, simply listen, or make a joyful noise; we can all benefit from music. Learn and share with each other how music of any kind can impact church ministry.

**Course 5: Pastoral Care Giving** Instructor: Martha Stokes

Required Participant's Book:

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- \* Fills requirement for recertification of lay speaker.

Congregational care is crucial for churches to thrive. It is not only a biblical mandate; it is also an expression of love and humanity. Congregational care really is about "being" the church in the community and beyond. This is a much-needed service and ministry but also a truly sacred calling. This course offers insights into the life span and the dynamics of contemporary life to help church leaders reach out with God's love and care to others.

Participant's Book (not required, but recommended):

*The Caring Congregation: How to Become One and Why it Matters* by Karen Lampe

ISBN: 9781426754746

There is an accompanying training manual, *The Caring Congregation: Training Manual and Resource Guide* by Karen Lampe

ISBN: 9781426793127

**Course 6: The Bible for Lay Ministers** Instructor: Rev. Anthony Budzik

Required Participant's Books: Bring your own Bible

- \* Fills requirement for certified lay servant and recertification of lay servant.
- \* Fills requirement for recertification of lay speaker.

The heart of this course will be an overview of each book in the Bible with an eye toward what it means for lay speaking. Too often we reuse familiar parts of the scriptures and we overlook the rich materials that are found in the less familiar places. You will learn how to consider verses within the context of a book and each book within the context of the Bible as a whole.

**Course 7: Discover Your Spiritual Gifts** Instructor: Rev. Betty Marshall

Required Participant's Book: *Each One a Minister* by William Carter

- \* Fills requirement for certified lay servant and recertification of lay servant.
- \* Fills requirement for lay speaker and recertification of lay speaker.

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

**Course 8: Basic Course in English** Instructor: Rev. Kathryn Budzik

Required Participant's Book: Lay Servant Ministries by Sandy Zeigler and Brian Jackson

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This course is designed for those who have felt a gentle nudge or strong push to pursue a call to serve the church in a greater capacity. Every person has unique qualities as well as God-given gifts and talents that can be used in ministry. Begin the journey to a deeper faith by exploring how God can use you as you learn about all the opportunities and needs in the local church.

### **Schedule**

Friday

4:00 pm Registration Open Welcome Center

5:45-6:30 pm Dinner buffet is open Dining Hall

6:30 Welcome, Introductions, Announcements Dining Hall

7:00-8:15 pm Learning Session 1 Classrooms

8:30 pm Worship Worship Space

### **Saturday**

8:30 am Registration Open Welcome Center

7:30-8:30 am Breakfast buffet is open Dining Hall

9:00-12 noon Learning Session 2 Classrooms

12:15-1:00 pm Lunch buffet is open Dining Hall

1:00-2:45 pm Break (take a nap, roam around, golf cart tours, go fishing)

3:00-5:30 pm Learning Session 3 Classrooms

5:45-6:30 pm Dinner buffet is open Dining Hall

7:00-8:15 pm Learning Session 4 Classrooms

8:30 pm Worship Worship Space

### **Sunday**

7:30-8:30 am Breakfast buffet is open and Pack Up Time Dining Hall

9:00-11:00 am Learning Session 5 (certificates distributed) Classrooms

11:15 am Worship and Commissioning Worship Space

12:15-1:00 pm Lunch buffet is open Dining Hall

1:00 pm Good Bye