



Leadership/Lay Speaking Ministries Coursework Registration Form

Sponsored by the Lansing District Committee on
Leadership/Lay Speaking Ministries

Courses to be held at Wesley Woods, 1700 Clear Lake, Dowling, MI
7 PM Friday, November 12 to 7 PM Saturday, November 13, 2010

I WISH TO ENROLL IN THE FOLLOWING COURSE (PLEASE SELECT ONLY ONE):

- Basic Course: **Lay Speaking Ministries**
 Advanced Course: **Lay Speakers Lead in Prayer**
 Advanced Course: **Lay Speakers Teach Adults**

Please note: If a particular course does not have a minimum of six participants, the Registrar may ask you to select a different course.

I WISH TO ENROLL IN THE ABOVE COURSE:

- Not* for credit. (Approval of church leadership is **not** required to audit these courses.)
 For **credit** within the Lay Speaking Ministries program. (Approval of church leadership **required**. See * below.) **You also MUST be in class a minimum of 10 hours for credit.**

Important! The Lansing District Committee on Leadership/Lay Speaking Ministries is committed to helping develop lay leadership to serve in the many ministries of both the local church and connectional congregation. However, considerable confusion exists among both laity and clergy about the roles of lay speakers. Some assume it *guarantees* opportunities for pulpit supply, while others imagine different results. In fact, many lay speakers in our district have never preached nor led worship services. Prior to becoming a lay speaker, it is important that the pastor and lay speaker frankly discuss the particular ministries the applicant might be called to pursue in a local church setting.

According to ¶¶ 266-268 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2000*, “[A] candidate may be recognized as a lay speaker by the district committee on lay speaking after the candidate has: a) made application in writing to the appropriate committee and has been recommended by the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church....” Applicants for advanced courses that wish to be recognized as certified lay speakers must first complete the basic course and be recognized as a local church lay speaker. To maintain their status, all lay speakers must submit an annual report, including a section that expresses their desire to reapply. In addition, to maintain certification, certified lay speakers *must* complete an advanced course once every three years.

*If you are taking this course for credit within the Lay Speaking Ministries program, your pastor must sign this application. Completion of application and the ensuing coursework will fulfill requirements of *The Discipline*.

Please complete this registration form (or a copy) and send it with your registration fee (payable to West Michigan Conference) to:
Registrar: LSM Training, Lansing District of The UMC, 2164 University Park Dr Suite 240, Okemos, MI, 48864-3960.

Registration fees for either the Basic or Advanced course is \$125, which includes course materials, food, and lodging. Fees are due to the Registrar by **October 15, 2010**. Late registrations are accepted on a space available basis. Because we have to pay Wesley Woods and we have to purchase books for your class, refunds are not possible.

APPLICANT NAME	PASTOR SIGNATURE*
HOME ADDRESS	CHURCH & DISTRICT NAME
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER	CHURCH PHONE NUMBER
APPLICANT E-MAIL ADDRESS	I WISH TO ROOM WITH

Please check here if you require special arrangements during these training sessions. The Registrar will contact you directly to make every effort to meet your individual needs.

Making and distributing copies of this form is expressly encouraged!

WANT MORE INFO? Check out www.fumer.org/layspeaking/layspeaking.htm