

Lay Speaking Ministries Coursework Registration Form



Sponsored by the Lansing District Committee on
Lay Speaking Ministries

Courses to be held at Portland UMC, 310 E Bridge St, Portland
April 24, May 8, and May 22, 2010 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

No absences are permitted. You must attend 10 hours of instruction to receive credit.

I WISH TO ENROLL IN THE FOLLOWING COURSE:

- Basic Course in Lay Speaking Ministries (*Explores Service Opportunities and Ministry of the Laity*)
- Advanced Course - Lay Speakers Discover Spiritual Gifts
- Advanced Course - Lay Pastoral Care Giving

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.)

Important! The Lansing District Committee on 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 applicant frankly discuss the particular ministries the applicant might be called to pursue in a Local Church setting.

Please see ¶¶ 266-268 of *The Book of Discipline of The United Methodist Church, 2008*.

* 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 Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church – 2008*. *If your pastor does not sign the Registration Form, you will not receive credit/certification for the course.*

Please complete this Registration Form (or a copy) and send it with your Registration Fee (**Payable to West Michigan Conference Treasurer**) mailed to: Registrar: LSM Training, United Methodist Lansing District Office, 2164 University Park Dr, Ste 240, Okemos, MI, 48864-3960.

Registration Fees are \$30 for the Basic Course and \$40 for any Advanced Course. Ask your Pastor about scholarship help with fees. *Registration Fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.* Checks should be made payable to the **West Michigan Conference Treasurer**. Fees are due to the Registrar by **March 20, 2010**. Late registrations are accepted on a space available basis.

APPLICANT NAME	PASTOR SIGNATURE (Required To Receive Credit/Certification)
HOME ADDRESS	CHURCH NAME
CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE	CITY, STATE, ZIP CODE
PHONE NUMBER	CHURCH PHONE NUMBER
E-MAIL ADDRESS	

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!