



Genesee Valley District
Lay Servant Ministries
Committee
Presents

The Fall Training Retreat

Featuring the opportunity to take

The Basic Lay Servant Course

or

Advanced Course

“UMC Heritage”

or

Advanced Course

“Discovering Spiritual Gifts”

or

Advanced Course

“Evangelism”

November 3, 4, and 5, 2017

(Ten hours are required for course credit. That will include attendance and participation in Sunday worship.)

at

Camp Asbury

16 Lakeside Avenue
Silver Lake, NY 14549
Office # 585-237-5262

“UMC Heritage”

This advanced course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that the United Methodist Church brings to the church universal and how we got where we are today.

Instructor: Rev. Dr. John R. Tyson was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., where he attended the Center Ave. UMC in Pitcairn, Pa. He attended Grove City College, where he majored in History and Religion and Asbury Theological Seminary where he earned the M.Div. As he served churches in Florida and Western Pennsylvania, he felt called to a ministry of teaching. In pursuit of that path, he attended the Graduate School of Drew University, where he earned the M.Phil. and Ph.D. in Religious and Theological Studies. Among his major concentrations were Wesleyan Studies and the Reformation Era.

After a long teaching career at Houghton College, Houghton, NY, John served at United Theological Seminary and currently serves at Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School in Rochester, NY. He is Professor of Church History and serves as director of United Methodist Studies. Author of ten books and more than fifty articles, mostly in the area of Wesleyan Studies, Tyson is considered a leading authority in the field of Wesleyan Studies and most especially on the life and work of Charles Wesley.

“Discovering Spiritual Gifts”

This advanced course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry.

Instructors: Rev. Margaret Scott, of Scottish and Christian background, Rev. Margaret Scott’s years in the U.S. as pastor and small group leader, as wife and mother, and as an oblate of St. Benedict have all contributed to her own spiritual life and have given her resources she loves to share. She recently retired as a United Methodist pastor.

Pastor Linda Sniedze Taggart is a teacher and student, a pastor and musician. Her Latvian heritage continues to have a strong influence on her life, whether it’s as a performer and teacher of the hammered dulcimer, or in leading three small ethnic congregations in western NY State. She is drawn to Benedictine spirituality because of its emphasis on balance and on finding the sacred in our daily lives.

REGISTRATION FORM

Check one:

- “Basic Lay Servant Course”**
- “UMC Heritage”**
- “Discovering Spiritual Gifts”**
- “Evangelism”**

Your Name

Your home address

Your phone number

Your cell phone number

Your email address

Your district (ie. Genesee Valley, Finger Lakes)

Your home church

Church's address

Your pastor

Be sure to fill out the other side 

Please mail by October 15, 2017.

Accommodations

Your Name _____

Check one:

stay 2 nights in a 2-4 person room, 4 meals (3 on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday), semi-private bath. **Cost: \$ 145.00.**

stay 2 nights in a 1-person room, 4 meals (3 on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday), semi-private bath. **Cost: \$ 195.00.**
(Limited availability - you will be contacted if your request cannot be honored.)

commuter includes course, 4 meals (3 on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday). **Cost: \$ 85.00.**

Total enclosed: _____

Make check payable to:

UNY UMC Conference

Mail to: Deborah Clyde
11 Bowen Rd.
Churchville, NY 14428

Special Accommodations

Please list roommate request(s) (You may be in a room with 2, 3, or 4 beds) and/or any special requests or needs:

Please check here if you would be willing to stay in a winterized cabin (\$20 rebate) if there is a need for extra space.

 **Be sure to fill out the other side**

“Evangelism”

Traditional views of evangelism are often intimidating and push the limits of personal comfort, leaving the job of reaching out to new and searching Christians for the professionals. This basic misunderstanding is contrary to John Wesley’s view of evangelism, which he understood as a complete circle. Once people have been evangelized to and welcomed into the faith, part of the transformation of their lives includes Christ’s teaching, which is to help others to become welcomed in the faith.

Instructor: Pastor Ron Palmer is currently serving as pastor of the Allen’s Hill and Canadice UMC’s. He recently retired from the auto industry as a corporate trainer and executive manager. His passion is personal evangelism and sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

“Basic Lay Servant Course”

The Basic Lay Servant Course is an overview study and exploration into the many ways Christians may serve our Lord through Lay Servant Ministries. It is the foundation course for Local and Certified District Lay Servant Ministries.

Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in discipleship. It offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader and outlines a number of ministries in which Lay Servants may assume roles.

Whether one decides to proceed in the process to become a Lay Servant or not, this course is excellent for all church laity in leadership positions.

Instructors: Pastor Jacque Ruth is a retired special education teacher, a twenty-year Lay Servant, and the Licensed Local Pastor serving the Walworth UMC. She has taught the Basic Course for many years.

Marilyn Campagna is a Certified Lay Servant, member of the GV District Lay Servant committee and a member of the Wesley United Methodist Church. Within her church, Marilyn is a member of the SPR committee, a Sunday school teacher, a group leader and a grief counselor. Her passion is to be able to reach the seemingly unreachable and offer God’s love.

Who Should Take The Advanced Courses?

Primarily aimed at Lay Servants, these classes are open to anyone (clergy or laity). Lay Servants may use these to fulfill the requirement of at least one advanced/refresher course each three years to maintain status.

Things to Bring

Sleeping bag or bed linens (pillows and blankets provided) [If you will need linens, contact Deb Clyde prior to Oct. 15, for costs and arrangements]

Course materials. Text needed for course, Bible, pens/pencils, paper, highlighter, etc.

Lug a Mug!

Musical instruments and games (as desired)

Towels, washcloths, personal care items

Comfortable, warm clothing and walking shoes

A snack to share

[No meal will be provided Friday evening.]

When You Get There

Plan to arrive at camp between 5 and 6:00 PM for registration at Wilmott Lodge on Friday. [Do **not** bring your bags into Wilmott Lodge as you might be staying in another location.] If you are unable to make the registration time, please let Deb know **prior to that Friday, November 3, 2017.**

Departure will be after the worship service on Sunday morning.

Problems with this schedule? Please contact Deb Clyde at dclyde@rochester.rr.com or 585-889-5200 **prior to Thursday, November 2, 2017.**

Scholarships?

There are funds for scholarships. If you need help financing the weekend, please check with your church first. If you still need funds, please contact Deb Clyde (see below).

Questions? Please contact:

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585-413-6057 Cell
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