



Genesee Valley District Lay Servant
Ministries Committee
Presents

Spring Training Offerings

Featuring the opportunity to take

“The Basic Lay Servant Course”

*Saturday, April 29 (9:00am-2:30pm) &
Saturday, May 13 (9:00am-2:30pm)*

at

*Hilton United Methodist Church
21 West Avenue
Hilton, NY 14468

Advanced Course

“The Art of Spiritual Practices”

*Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3 & 10
(9:30-11am or 6:30-8pm)*

at

*Covenant United Methodist Church
1124 Culver Rd.
Rochester, NY 14609

Advanced Course

“Lay Servants Preaching Course”

Saturdays, April 22 & 29 (9:00am-2:30pm)
at

*Holley: Disciples United Methodist Church
4410 Holley Byron Rd.
Holly, NY 14470*

(Ten hours are required for course credit.)

“Basic Lay Servant Course”

*Saturday, April 29 (9:00am-2:30pm) &
Saturday, May 13 (9:00am-2:30pm)*

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 Certified District Lay Servant Ministries and Lay Speakers.

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.

*****Please bring a bag lunch – coffee,
tea and water will be provided*****

Instructors:

Thomas Wulff is a certified lay servant, member of the GV District Lay Servant committee and member of the United Methodist Church of North Chili. Within his church, Thomas is on the SPPR committee and coordinates mission work. One of the primary missions of his church is to support the Chacocente Project in Nicaragua. Tom traveled with the mission team to Chacocente in 2015.

REGISTRATION FORM

Check one:

- “Basic Lay Servant Course” (\$20)
 “The Art of Spiritual Practices” (\$20)
AM or PM (please circle your choice)
 “Lay Servants Preaching Course” (\$30)
(Fees for supplies, stipends and building use.)

Your Name

Your home address

Your phone number

Your cell phone number

Your email address

Your district (i.e. Genesee Valley; Niagara)

Your home church

Church's address

Your pastor

**By March 1, 2017, please mail
registration and check, made out to
Upper New York Conference**

(GVD Lay Servants on the memo line)

**To: Deb Clyde
11 Bowen Road
Churchville, NY 14428**

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.

“The Art of Spiritual Practices”

Mondays, March 6, 13, 20, 27

and April 3 & 10

(9:30-11am or 6:30-8pm)

These sessions will provide an experiential sampling of practices to help each person attending live a more balanced life.

Week 1 – March 6

Introductions and *lectio/visua divina*

Week 2 – March 13

The two-way conversation: styles and forms of *prayer*

Week 3 – March 20

Timekeeping: developing habits, routines, and *Sabbath*

Week 4 – March 27

Creativity: crafting, arts, music

Week 5 – April 3

Attending to the body: exercise, fasting

Week 6 – April 10

Following the liturgical year: an auditory, visual experience of Holy Week, with choice of symbols to take through the week

Instructor: Rev. Margaret Scott, is a retired United Methodist pastor, now resourcing the spiritual life for lay, clergy and unchurched through RevsonRetreat.com

This course is only 9 hours of session attendance so it will be expected that each Lay Servant, taking this course, will be actively engaged, during the week, with the Spiritual Practices discussed in the session.

Registration deadline is March 1, 2017 as the class begins on March 6, 2017.

“Lay Servant Preaching Course”

Saturdays, April 22 & 29

(9:00am-2:30pm)

This advanced course goes beyond the basics of public speaking and addresses the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon.

Text (provided) From Your Heart to Theirs:

Delivering an Effective Sermon

by David Carroll and Tony Franks

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Instructor: Pastor Linda Glantz is the Pastor of the Albion and Holley Disciples United Methodist Churches. For many years she has been employed in church administration specializing in strategic planning and church revitalization. She is currently on the Conference Hand 2 Plow church revitalization team. In addition to her current appointment, Pastor Linda has been teaching and preaching in a variety of congregations over the last 11 years.

Who Should Take These 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 one course each three years to maintain status. The Preaching course is a requirement for the new Lay Speaker endorsement.

Scholarships?

There are some funds for scholarships. If you need help financing a course, please check with your church first. If you still need funds, please contact Deb Clyde.

Questions? Please contact:

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