



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*

**“Polity”**

or

*Advanced Course*

**“Equipping Yourself for Spiritual Care  
Visitations”**

or

*Advanced Course*

**“Leading/Planning Worship”**

**November 2, 3, and 4, 2018**

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

at

Asbury Camp & Retreat Center  
16 Lakeside Avenue  
Silver Lake, NY 14549  
Office # 585-237-5262

### **“UMC Polity”**

The United Methodist Church is governed by *The United Methodist Discipline* which is updated and published following the General Conference. The Church is now being guided by the 2016 edition. Participants are asked to bring this book to class. It can be borrowed from your church. Also, please obtain the “Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church Participant’s Book” by Thomas Edward Frank.

<https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/AB531/polity-practice-and-the-mission-of-the-united-methodist-church.aspx>

The connectational nature of the Church is one of the identifying characteristics of the Methodist tradition. This is an opportunity to find out how the United Methodist Church operates.

**Instructor: Rev. Doug Spencer** is a retired pastor. He has been our Elder for Sunday morning communion for the past several years.

### **“Leading/Planning Worship”**

This course will help you with the planning and leading of a worship service. The Worship Workshop, rather than providing simply another manual for doing worship, offers instead an interactive workshop that helps worship teams develop more meaningful and memorable worship for the congregation. Through a variety of activities, ideas, and informational handouts, “The Worship Workshop” helps worship committees, planners, and designers evaluate the state of their current worship, get more people involved in the planning and designing process, explore the diverse designs of congregational worship, learn the history of worship, and utilize the arts and artists in worship. Participants need to obtain the book “The Worship Workshop” by Marcia McFee, <https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/AB634/the-worship-workshop.aspx>

**Instructor: Rev. Ann Robinson**, is currently the pastor of Nunda United Methodist Church. She graduated from Colgate Rochester Crozer Divinity School and was ordained an Elder in 1991. Pastor Ann has served West Barre, Garland, Wesley (Rochester), Honeoye Falls, and Lake (Rochester) UMCs in Genesee Valley District. Pastor Ann holds Masters’ degrees in community health nursing and marriage and family therapy from The University of Rochester. She is newly retired from nursing and is eager to become more involved in the Lay Servant Ministry program.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Check one:

- “Basic Lay Servant Course”**
- “Polity”**
- “Equipping Yourself for Spiritual Care Visitations”**
- “Leading/Planning Worship”**

Your Name

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Your home address

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Your phone number

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Your cell phone number

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Your email address

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Your district (ie. Genesee Valley, Finger Lakes)

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Your home church

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Church’s address

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Your pastor

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**Be sure to fill out the other side**   
**Please mail by October 15, 2018.**

## 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, course      Cost: \$ 145.00.

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

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

Total enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your 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:

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 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**

### *“Equipping Yourself for Spiritual Care Visitation”*

**Instructor: Rev. Dr. Richard McCaughey** was a United Methodist local church pastor for twenty-five years, and then Director of Spiritual Care for Thompson Health for fourteen years. He has served as pastor, in the summers, at Big Moose Community Chapel, in the Adirondacks, for twenty years.

While at Thompson Health, he developed a visitation program which received NYS recognition as an outstanding volunteer program. He will provide training and dialogue regarding the art of spiritual care visitation. In addition, Rev. McCaughey will engage participants in conversation regarding growth of their own spirituality.

#### *“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 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. Please bring the “Lay Servant Ministries Participant’s Book” by Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson to class. <https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/DR626/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participants-book.aspx>

**Instructor: Carmen FS Vianese** is a lady disciple, a wife and mom. She is a Licensed Massage Therapist and a Certified Occupational Therapist for NYS and has worked with adults with special needs and abilities for the past 32 years.

Carmen is humbled to have the opportunity to serve the members of the UMC through the positions she has held on district, conference, jurisdictional and national boards. She states that, “It is my lay servant ministry training that has grounded me and provided me with the tools that I have needed to serve as successfully as I have. I can clearly state that

some of my favorite work has been through Lay Servant Ministries and teaching Lay servant courses over the years, as it allows me an opportunity to connect with and work with laity & clergy around the connection as we build up & equip servant leaders.”

#### **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 courses 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 & arrangements] Course materials. Text needed for course, Bible, pens/pencils, paper, highlighter, etc. Please “Lug a Mug” for beverage breaks. 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 Clyde know **prior to that Friday, November 2, 2018.**

Departure will be after the 9:30 AM worship service on Sunday morning.

Problems with this schedule? Please contact Deb Clyde at [dclayde@rochester.rr.com](mailto:dclayde@rochester.rr.com) or 585-889-5200 **prior to Thursday, November 1, 2018.**

#### **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:**

Genesee Valley District

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585-413-6057 Cell

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