

**APPLICATION FORM**

*Please Print Legibly*

By your signature you indicate this candidate has met the necessary expectations and requirements to enroll in the Certified lay Ministry Course of Study.

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| Applicant Name: |  | Date: |
| Address: |  |  |
| City: | State: | Zip Code: |
| Phone (Day): |  |  |
| Phone (Evening or Cell): |  |  |
| Email address: |  |  |
| ❑ I am a Certified Lay Servant  | *Certification date* |  |
| Title/Position(s) in the UMC: |  |  |
| District: |  |  |
| Home Church: |  |  |
| Address: |  |  |
| City: | Sate: | Zip: |
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| Applicants Signature: |  | Date: |
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| Pastor’s Name: |  | Phone: |
| Pastor’s Signature: |  | Date: |
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| Council Chair Name: |  | Phone: |
| Council Chair Signature |  | Date: |
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| SPRC Chair Name: |  | Phone: |
| SPRC Chair Signature |  | Date: |

Original application with signatures must be sent to District Committee on Ordained Ministry



**Certified Lay Ministry Process** – Adopted Legislation at 2016 General Conference

(For more details please see *Certified Lay Ministry Applicants Packet*)

**As part of a ministry team with supervision and support of a clergyperson:**

* Conducts public worship
* Cares for the congregation
* Develops new faith communities
* Preaches the Word
* Leads small groups
* Establishes outreach ministries
* Serves as a class leader
* Engages in specialized ministries after appropriate training

**REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:**

* Certified as a lay servant, lay missioner
* Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
* Completion of a track of study as defined in ¶268 2016 Book of Discipline
* District Superintendent recommendation
* Appropriate screening & assessment
* Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from district committee on Ordained Ministry

**REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:**

* Annual report
* Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
* Ministry review
* Lay Servant Ministries advanced course or approved continuing education event annually
* District Superintendent recommendation
* Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval every two years after interview with and recommendation from district committee on Ordained Ministry