



Genesee Valley District (GVD)  
Lay Servant Ministries (LSM)  
Committee  
Presents

### **The Fall Training Retreat**

Featuring the opportunity to take

***“The Basic Lay Servant Course”***\*\*

or

***Advanced Courses:***

***“Prayer”***

or

***“United Methodist Heritage”***

or

***“Pastoral Care”***

**November 5, 6, and 7, 2021**

(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

**Masks will be required.**

*\*There is a Memorial Scholarship available to first time Basic Course participants. The cover letter and application are attached. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Deb Clyde.*

### **“The 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 grandma, a wife, a mom, and a daughter/sister/aunt. She is, by profession, a Licensed Massage Therapist and a Certified Occupational Therapist for NYS. Carmen is a Retreat writer /facilitator/ leader, a lay servant/lay speaker and public speaker for UMW, LSM, UMCOR and GBGM. She also continues to lead the UNY General Conference Delegation and the UNY - North Eastern Jurisdictional Delegation as your UNY - Delegation Head/Chair to their respective postponed 2020 Conferences - as we will hopefully gather in the late-summer/fall of the year 2022. 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.

### **“Pastoral Care”**

This course offers insights into the life span and the dynamics of contemporary life to help church leaders reach out with God’s love and care to others. There will be discussions of helpful ways to care for others as well as a review of possible obstacles encountered when caring in a church and other settings. Please bring the book, “Lay Pastoral Care Giving” with you to the retreat. Additional handout resources will be available during the class.

<https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/DR554/lay-pastoral-care-giving.aspx>

**Instructor: Rev. Dr. Doug Wilson** is a retired United Methodist pastor who served congregations, in a variety of pastoral settings, for over 40 years. He has a Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling. Rev. Wilson lives on the Silver Lake Institute near Asbury Retreat Center. He enjoys sports and the outdoors.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Check one:

- “The Basic Lay Servant Course”***
- “Prayer-Conversations with God”***
- “United Methodist Heritage”***
- “Pastoral Care”***

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 (i.e. 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 22, 2021.**

# 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) (Only vaccinated people may room together) and/or any special requests or needs:

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## “Prayer”

“Conversations with God” will be more of an experiential retreat than an academic class, when we will look at our own prayer understandings and practices, and how we lead others in prayer as congregational leaders.

**Instructor: Rev. Margaret Scott** is a retired (sort of) Pastor of GV District, an explorer of life with the Spirit, and a midwife for others’. She is co-leader of *Revs on Retreat*, a ministry resourcing the spiritual life through short retreat experiences and educational presentations.

## “United Methodist Heritage”

This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church.

Please bring the books, or you may get them in a format that works for you, “Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way” by Kenneth L. Carder <https://www.amazon.com/Living-Our-Beliefs-United-Methodist/dp/0881775711> and “Circuit Rider Devotions” by G. Van Dussen <https://www.amazon.com/Circuit-Rider-Devotions-Reflections-Methodist/dp/1609471482>

**Instructor: Dr. Greg Van Dussen** is an adjunct professor at Northeastern Seminary on the campus of Roberts Wesleyan College, where he has taught Worship and Celtic Spirituality. He is a retired member of the Upper NY Conference where he served several churches and was Superintendent of the former Batavia District. Greg has written four books, three of which deal with early Methodist circuit riders in North America. He is currently working on a study of Methodist camp meetings and their relevance to the future of the Wesleyan movement. Earlier he taught Irish and American History at the College at Brockport. He is an active participant in the Indian Falls UMC. Greg and his wife Jackie live in Batavia. He has special interests in coffee and conversation, Celtic and North American traditional music, reading, travel, and gardening.

## 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. 29, for cost & 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 5, 2021.** 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 4, 2021.**

There are some funds available for financial assistance from the GVD LSM committee. 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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