

Mohawk District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries (LSM) Certified Lay Servant Classes being offered --

2026 Winter / Spring schedule

The **LSM Basic course** is being offered at the **Remsen UMC**, 9654 Main St. Remsen, NY 13438, beginning on Saturday, **January 10th and continuing on January 17, and 24, 2026**. Class times are from 9 am to 3 pm each Saturday. This is an IN-PERSON class. Registration **cut-off date is January 2, 2026**.

Each participant is required to obtain a text book prior to the start of the class. The text is "Lay Servant Ministries, Basic Course Participants Book." The text may be purchased from www.UpperRoom.org/store, Cokesbury or www.amazon.com (Look for used books), Cost at Upper Room is \$11.00.

Please complete the attached registration form and have it signed by your Pastor or Administrative Council Chair. Enclose a check payable to "UNYAC" in the sum of \$20.00 and send to the district office.

Pastor Holley DeLapo is the instructor for this class.

The **Advanced LSM course "From Your Heart to Theirs, Delivering an Effective Sermon"** is being offered at the **Maynard UMC**, 9626 Maynard Drive, Marcy, NY 13403, beginning on **Saturday, February 7, 21, and 28, 2026**. Class times are from 9 am to 3 pm each Saturday. This is an IN-PERSON class. The registration **cut-off date January 30, 2026**.

Each participant is required to purchase their own text prior to the start of class. The text is "From Your Heart to Theirs" by Tony Franks and David Carroll. Books can be obtained through www.UpperRoom.org/store. Cost is \$6.00.

Please complete the attached registration form and enclose a check payable to "UNYAC" in the sum of \$20.00 and send to the district office.

Pastor Joelle Faulks is the instructor for this class.

The Advanced LSM class "Life Together in the United Methodist Connection, (United Methodist Polity)" is being offered at the **Lowell UMC**, 5840 Lowell Road. Lowell, NY 13490, beginning

on **Saturday, February 21st and continuing on 28 and March 7, 2026.** Class times are from 9 am to 3 pm each Saturday. This is an IN-PERSON class. Registration **cut-off date is February 13, 2026.**

Each person is required to obtain their own text book prior to the start of class. The text is “ Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church by Thomas Edward Frank. The text book may be obtained from www.UpperRoom.org/store. Cost is \$18.99. Check with www.amazon.com for used books.

Please complete the attached registration form and enclose a check payable to “UNYAC” in the sum of \$20.00 and send to the **district** office.

CLM Wendy Grosjean is the instructor for this class.

The [Advanced LSM Class “Discover Your Spiritual Gifts”](#) is being offered at **Delta UMC**, 6285 Hawkins Corners Road, Rome, NY 13440, starting Saturday, **March 7th and continuing on March 14th and 21, 2026.** Class times are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. each Saturday. The Registration **cut-off date is February 27, 2026.** This is an IN-PERSON class.

Each participant is required to obtain their own text prior to the start of class. The text is “Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts” by Charles Bryant. Books may be obtained from www.UpperRoom.org/store. Cost is \$11.99. Look for used books from www.amazon.com at \$ 4.00.

Please complete the attached registration form and enclose a check payable to “UNYAC” in the sum of \$20.00 and send to the district office.

CLS Paul Phister is the instructor for this class.

The [Advanced LSM Class “Living Our Methodist Beliefs” \(United Methodist Heritage\)](#) is being offered at the **Delta UMC**, 6825 Hawkins Corners Road, Rome, NY 13440 starting [Saturday, April 18th and continuing on 25th, and May 2, 2026](#) Class times are from 9 am to 3 pm each Saturday. Registration **cut-off date is April 10, 2026.** This is an IN-PERSON class.

Each participant is required to obtain their own text book prior to the start of class. The text for this class is “The United Methodist Way, Living Our Beliefs” by Kenneth L. Carder. Books may be obtained from www.UpperRoom.org/store. Cost is \$13.00. Look for used books at www.amazon.com.

Please complete the attached registration form and enclose a check payable to "UNYAC" in the sum of \$20.00 and send to the district office.

CLS Paul Phister is the instructor for this class.

A registration form for your use is included as part of this LSM class offering notice.

NOTE: LSM Classes are open to all whether or not they want to pursue a CLS recognition in their district.

NOTE: Any Lay Servant or Lay Speaker not completing an Advanced course since 2023 is required to complete one advanced course during 2026 (CLM 2024) and complete their annual report to remain active as a CLS or CLSpkr.

Please contact Ken Guilfoyle for additional information.

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**Upper New York Conference of the United Methodist Church
Mohawk District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries**

Participant/Class Registration Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ **E-Mail:** _____

Home Church: _____

Course Name: _____

Dates: _____

The **in-person** Course Registration Fee is \$20.00, payable in advance to: UNYAC, Mail this completed registration to:
**Mohawk District Office, Lay Servant Course, POB 208,
Gouverneur, NY 13642** prior to the registration cut-off date .

**Pastor's Signature or Administrative Council Chair Signature
is required for Basic course participation.**

No Signature required for Advanced LSM Course enrollment