Genesee Valley District Lay Servant Ministries Committee is offering a Lay Servant Course

“The Basic Course”

Saturday, November 7 to Sunday, November 8
(Sat. - 8:30 AM to Sun. - 11:00 AM)
In person, at the Asbury Retreat Center Willmott Lodge

“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. Thank you.

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. Her profession is a Licensed Massage Therapist and a Certified Occupational Therapist who has had the privilege to work fulltime for the State of New York with adult’s special needs and abilities for the past 34 years; as well as, providing Hospice Massage/end of life supports as called upon.

Besides being the current UNY Conf. UMW President, Carmen is the former Director of Lay Servant Ministries for the UNY Annual Conference, former Vice President of the National Assoc. of Conference Lay Servants, the former Chair for the UNY Camp and Retreat Ministries team and a former Director of United Methodist Women having served from 2008 – 2016. She is humbled to have the opportunity to serve the members of the United Methodist Church both locally and globally through these and other positions she has held, as she strives to answer the call each time she is asked. Her call continues to be challenged as Carmen leads the UNY General Conference Delegation and the UNY - NE Jurisdictional Delegation to their respective postponed 2020 conferences in the fall of 2021, as the UNY - UMC Delegation Head.

*A note from the Lay Servant Ministry Team of the GVD - We were blessed to have a member of our committee go to a Woman’s Retreat at Asbury Retreat Center in August. Her experience and report back to the committee led us to make the decision to offer this course in person. All COVID-19 guidelines will be followed; wearing masks, social distancing, etc. Also, we will only be using the Willmott Lodge, which has no stairs. Each person will be in a room by themselves and will not share a bathroom. Per those restrictions, only eight (8) people will be in the Lodge. Carmen and a representative of the GVD LSM team will be included in that number, so this course can only accommodate six (6) participants. Carmen would like you to know that she has been working on the front line, since March, with the clients she serves for NYS. Please note that if there are different guidelines set by NYS or the UNYAC, prior to this course, it will be cancelled and your registration fee will be refunded. This course will not be offered on ZOOM, if that were to happen.

Please register by October 23, 2020. (Phone 585-413-6057, if you have any questions.) The fee will be $100.00, for overnight accommodations and 3 meals; lunch and dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday. The check may be made out to UNYAC – with GVD LSM Basic on the subject line. Please mail the registration and check to: Deb Clyde, 11 Bowen Rd., Churchville NY 14428
Lay Servant Ministries Course Registration

Course Name and date: The Basic Course, November 7 & 8, 2020, at Asbury Retreat Center, Perry, NY _______

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

City, State, Zip: __________________________________________________________________________________

Email ___________________________ Phone ___________________________

Local Church and District: _________________________________________________________________________

Please state your personal goals/expectations for this course: ____________________________________________

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Please briefly list your church and Christian experience: ________________________________________

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Select one:

________ I am taking this course for the requirement of being a Lay Servant. *¶266

________ I am taking this course to complete the courses needed to become a Lay Speaker. *¶267

________ I am interested in information regarding becoming a Certified Lay Minister (CLM). *¶268

________ I am taking this course for personal growth and/or spiritual renewal.

* The above paragraphs can be found in the 2016 Book of Discipline of the UMC.

Applicant’s signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________

Pastor’s signature: ____________________________________________ Date: __________

Chairperson SPRC: ____________________________________________ Date: __________

Please be sure to order the book for this course. That information is found in the course brochure.

Dietary restrictions (not necessary if only a 2 or 2.5 hour session): ________________________________

Send a check, made out to the UNYAC, for $100, with this registration, please. In the memo line, put LSM course and the district name where the course is being offered. Thank you! (GVD)

All registrations need to be received by October 23, 2020.

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