

## Course Registration

For the Common Good:  
Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts

Ministry With the Forgotten:  
Dementia Through a Spiritual Lens

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

*Pastor's Signature (required for Basic class)*

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Pastor

**Course fee is \$15.00  
Books are extra**

**Make checks payable to UNYAC  
Please mail checks and registration to  
Binghamton District Office  
2010 East Main Street  
Endwell, NY 13760**

*Have you felt God calling you to develop  
your teaching and leadership skills within  
your local church?*

The United Methodist Church has established three categories for laypersons in the area of lay servant ministries to develop, prepare, and engage principled Christian leaders for the mission of making disciples for the transformation of the world:

- Certified Lay Servant
- Certified Lay Speaker
- Certified Lay Minister

**Certified Lay Servants** who wish to develop their skills further may choose a track to become a Certified Lay Speaker

**Certified Lay Speakers** (those who are called specifically to pulpit supply) or as lay ministers (those who are called to long-term, intentional ministry as part of a ministry team).

**Certified Lay Minister** is a certified lay servant or a certified lay missionary who is called and equipped to serve as a part of a ministry team with the supervision and support of a clergy person.

Want to know more?

- Talk to your Pastor
- Ask someone that is already a Lay Servant

## Binghamton District



### 2022 Lay Servant Courses

**All classes are open to all Laity & Clergy.  
Clergy may receive educational credits  
for these classes.**

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## Class Descriptions

### **For the Common Good:**

#### **Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts**

This course offers a scriptural understanding of spiritual gifts as always given “for the common good.” By helping participants identify and link their gifts, abilities, and sense of calling, laity will learn the powerful connection between spiritual gifts and vocational discernment in the context of the mission of their local church. They will also learn how to make spiritual gifts discernment a part of their congregation’s culture and commitment to equip mission-focused leaders who make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

#### **All books are available at the District Office**

You may order your own book(s) or you may purchase them from the district office.

#### **Resources for Books:**

[www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com)—Under the UMC Tab  
[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)  
<http://bookstore.upperroom.org/>

If you are unsure of which book to order for your course, please contact the district office for assistance.

### **Owego UMC**

Tuesdays, May 17 & 24

Thursdays, May 19, 26

5:30 pm - 8:30 pm

**Registration deadline Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **For the Common Good:**

#### **Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gift**

Facilitator: Rev. Bill Prentice

Required book - *For the Common Good:*

*Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gift*

by *Christine Harman*

### **New - Date Change**

**Owego UMC**

**Tuesdays, May 24<sup>th</sup> & May 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Thursdays, May 26<sup>th</sup> & June 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Registration deadline Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

### **Ministry With the Forgotten:**

#### **Dementia Through a Spiritual Lens**

Facilitators:

Revs. James Stevens & Diane Prentice

Required book - *Ministry with the Forgotten:*

*Dementia through a Spiritual Lens*

by *Kenneth L. Carder*

**Course fee is \$15.00**

**Basic course fee is \$10.00**

**Books are extra.**

**Class size is limited to 10 people**

## Class Descriptions

Dementia diseases represent a crisis of faith for many family members and congregations. Magnifying this crisis is the way people with dementia tend to be objectified by both medical and religious communities. They are recipients of treatment and projects for mission. Ministry is done to and for them rather than with them.

While acknowledging the devastation of dementia diseases, Ken Carder draws on his own experience as a caregiver, hospice chaplain, and pastoral practitioner to portray the gifts as well as the challenges accompanying dementia diseases. He confronts the deep personal and theological questions created by loving people with dementia diseases, demonstrating how living with dementia can be a means of growing in faith, wholeness, and ministry for the entire community of faith. He also reveals that authentic faith transcends intellectual beliefs, verbal affirmations, and prescribed practices. Carder asserts that the Judeo-Christian tradition offers a broader lens, defining personhood in relationship to God’s story and humanity’s participation in God’s mighty acts of creation and new creation; thereby contributing to hope, community, and self-worth.

Pastors and congregations will be better equipped to minister with people affected by dementia, receiving their gifts and responding to their unique needs. They will learn how people with dementia contribute to the community and the church’s life and mission, discovering practical ways those contributions can be identified, nurtured, and incorporated into the church’s life and ministry.