

Preaching (Advanced)

Upper New York Conference | Lay Servant Ministries

1. Course Description

This advanced course is designed for Lay Servants who feel called to share the Word of God from the pulpit with greater depth and clarity. Moving beyond the basics of lay leadership, this course explores the sacred craft of sermon preparation and delivery.

Participants will dive into the movement from biblical text to contemporary message, learning how to structure a sermon that resonates with a modern congregation while remaining rooted in Wesleyan theology. Through collaborative discussion and the study of Clifton Guthrie's practical methods, you will gain the confidence to transition "from the pew to the pulpit," refining your unique voice as a lay preacher in the United Methodist tradition.

2. Required Textbook

- **From Pew to Pulpit: A Beginner's Guide to Preaching** by Clifton F. Guthrie.
- *Note:* Participants are expected to obtain and read the book in its entirety prior to the first session. Specific reading assignments will be emailed to registered participants one week before the course begins.

3. Dates & Times

- **Saturday, March 14, 2026:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, March 21, 2026:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- *A light lunch will be provided on both days.*

Note: This is a two-session intensive. **Full attendance on both Saturdays is required** to receive credit for completing the course.

4. Instructor

Rev. JD (Jongdeok) Park

Elder, Upper New York Conference Pastor,
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5. Location

Oswego First United Methodist Church

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6. Registration Information

- **Prerequisite:** Completion of the *Basic Lay Servant Course*.
- **Course Fee: \$15.00** (Check payable to **UNYAC**).
- **Mailing Address:** Please mail your application and check to:
Robert Mueller 4432 Lathrop Dr. Marcellus, NY 13108
- *Fees are used to support District Lay Servant Ministry activities.*

7. Contact for Questions

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