

**2018 Fully**

**Engage**

**Entire**

**Congregations**



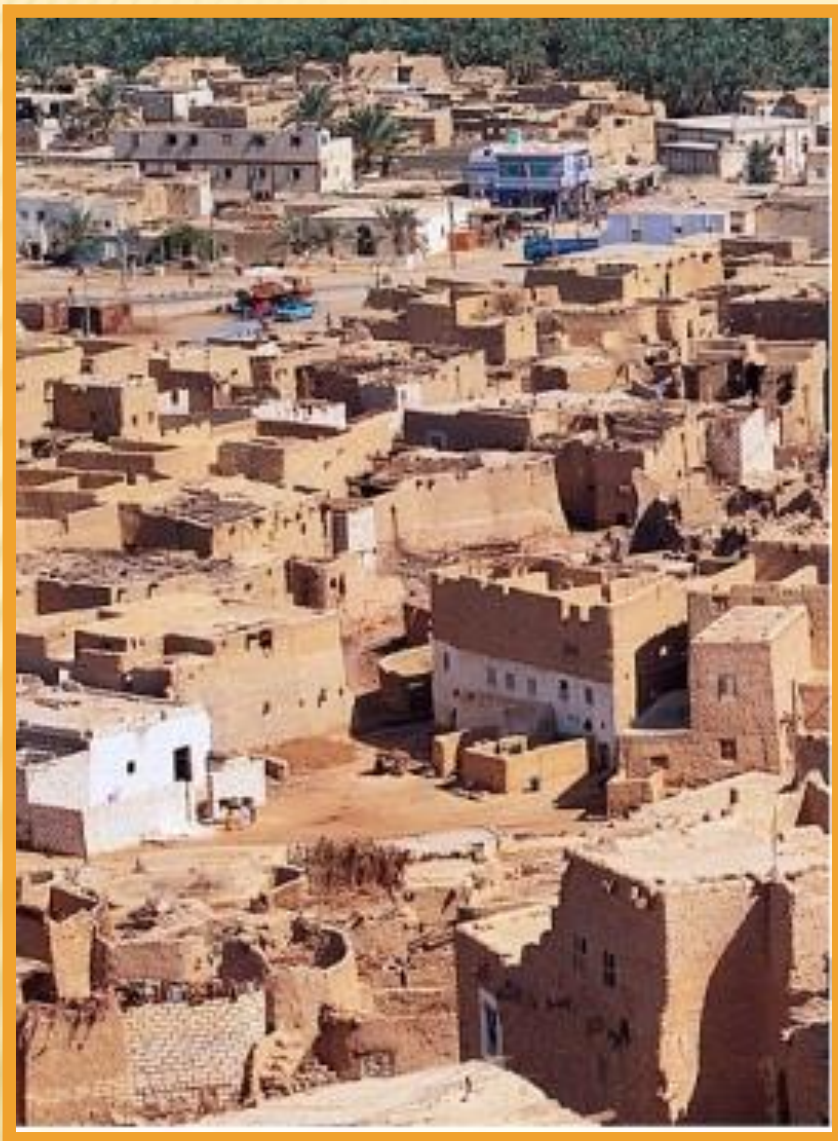


**When Jesus  
was with us,**

**He didn't issue  
proclamations  
from temples.**



**He didn't sit on a throne and issue orders.**

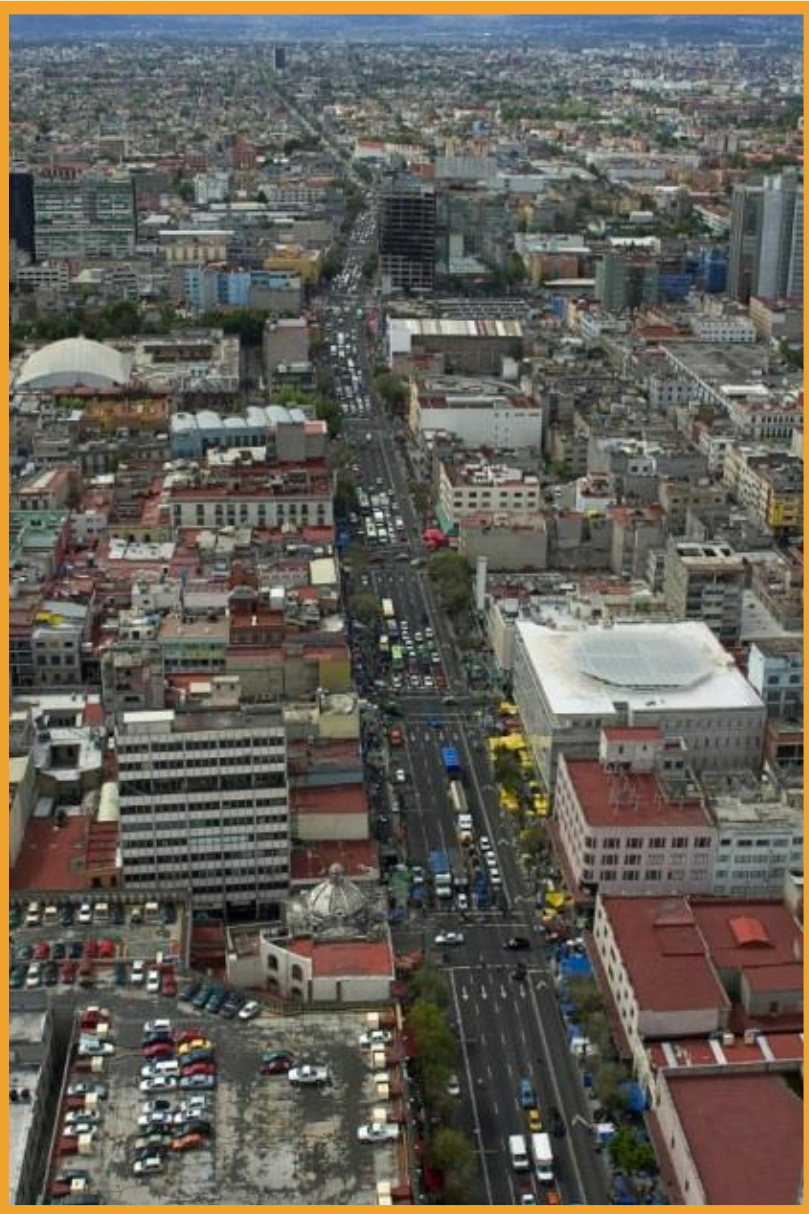


**Instead,  
He came out onto  
the streets and  
walked among us,  
bringing us the  
Good News.**



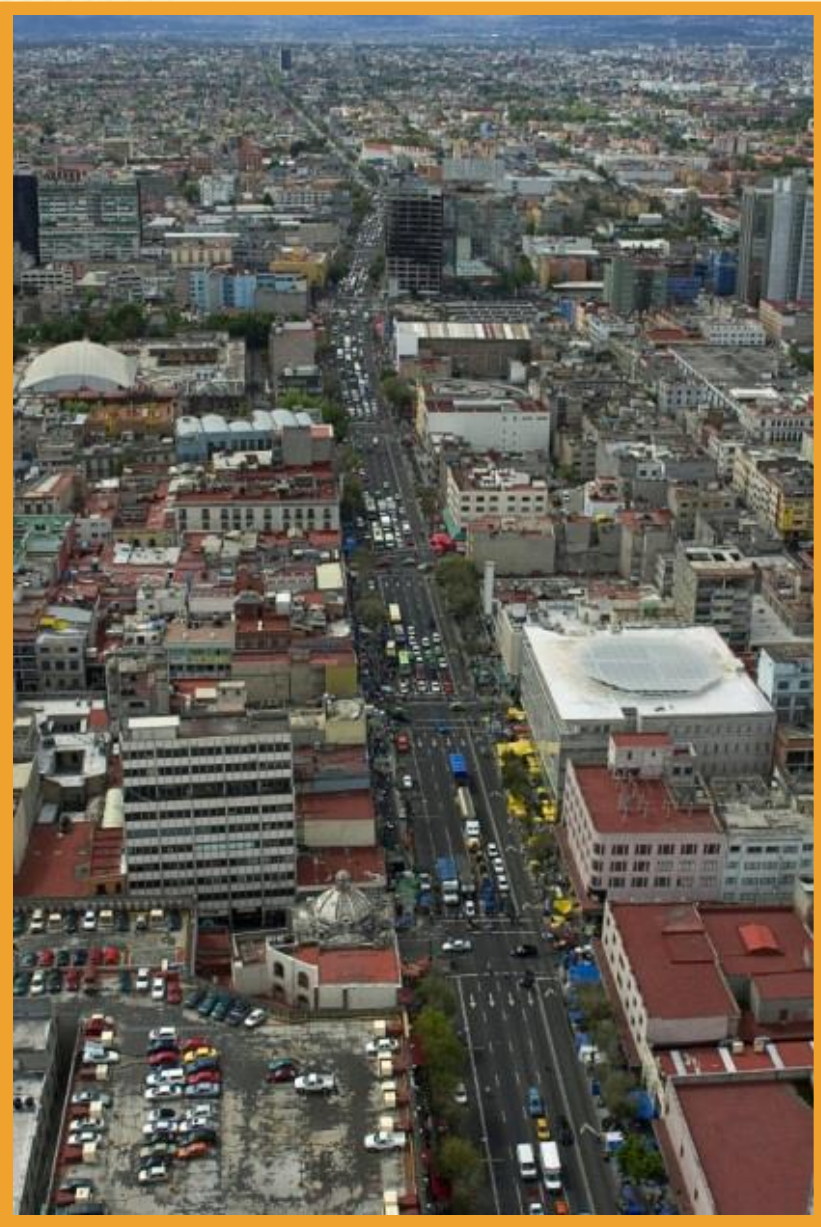
**If Jesus were  
with us today,**

**He could be  
anywhere on  
this street.**



**Today - by the numbers -**

there are  
**few clergy**  
on the streets.



**But we, the laity,  
are all over the  
place.**



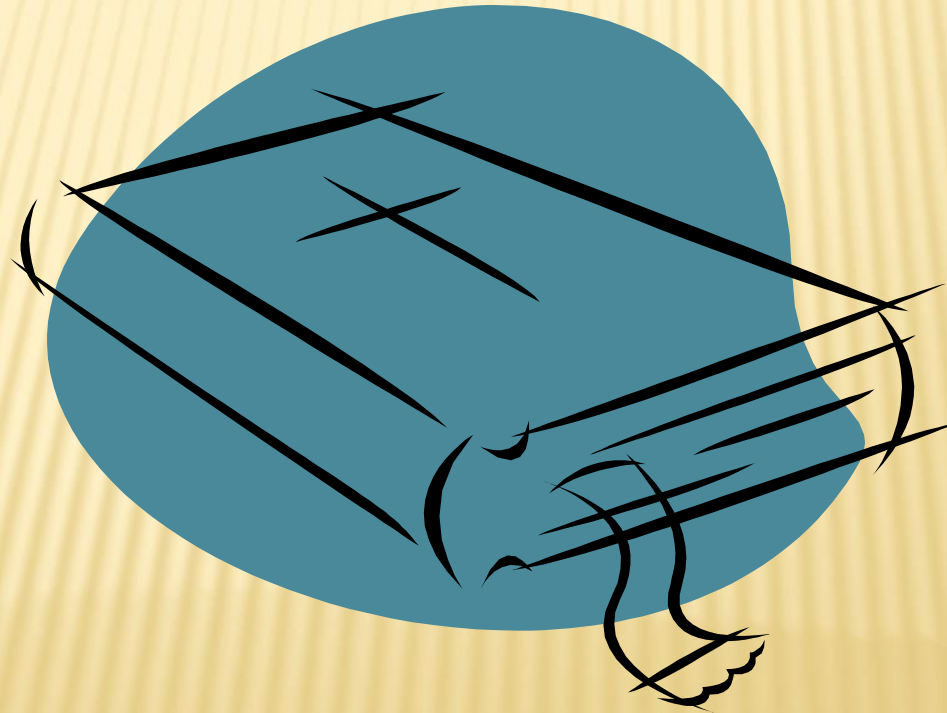
**View from steps of FUMC  
Denton, Texas**





**Following Jesus' example,  
This should be our  
missional perspective.**

**And, we have the**  
**Good News!**



**We should be at our best as  
we bring the Good News  
about Jesus to others.**

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***SEE ALL THE PEOPLE***

**A United Methodist Church  
Initiative**

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# ***SEE ALL THE PEOPLE***

- ❖ **An initiative to encourage  
Personal Growth in Discipleship**
- ❖ **Assisted by church and conference sponsored  
Discipleship Making Systems**

## DISCIPLESHIP SYSTEM SAMPLE (adapted from the work of Phil Maynard)

	Searching	Exploring	Beginning	Growing	Maturing
<b>Worship</b>	Searching for something more.	Invited by a friend to attend worship. Attend sporadically.	Begin to worship regularly; becoming more aware of God in each day.	Attend regularly and begin to recognize daily moments of worship.	Begin to honor and worship everyday in work and play; inviting others to worship.
<b>Community</b>	Searching for genuine community.	Begin to feel strangely drawn to these followers of Jesus and feel warm acceptance by them.	Move from receiving gracious hospitality to offering it to others in every day life.	Begin to look for ways to love, accept, and relate to others in the same way that the church and God lovingly welcomed you.	Seek to build relationships with others and share with them the life and community that you have found in God.
<b>Spiritual Practices</b>	Wonder about the Bible and if there are ways to experience God.	Feel drawn to the story of God's love and begin to explore scripture.	Begin to pray and read scripture regularly; being open to God.	Move to exploring spiritual disciplines; drawn closer to God on a daily basis.	Enjoy and practice spiritual disciplines, and begin to show others how to use them to grow in faith and be drawn closer to God.
<b>Generosity &amp; Service</b>	Wonder if there is more to life than making money and selfish gain.	Begin to give occasionally in worship and try a service project at church. See other people making a difference in the lives of others and seek to be a part of that.	Begin to give regularly of money, time, and talents; understand Christ's invitation to serve others and discover how God has gifted you to do this.	Try tithing my resources, time, and talent to God through the ministries of the church; exploring ways to use one's gifts, talents, and passions.	Tithe and occasionally give beyond when led by God; begin to restructure life and resources to join Jesus in mission to others.
<b>Christ-Like</b>	The life and teachings of Jesus are intriguing.	Exploring the life of Jesus on my own by reading the Bible and attending my first Bible study.	Accept the call to follow Jesus and commit to the church; seek to become like Jesus and serve others.	Begin to daily apply the teachings of Jesus in everyday life.	Partner with God and invite others to explore the life and teachings of Jesus.
	Prevenient Grace		Justifying Grace		Sanctifying Grace

Matches particular **Topics** to stages of **Growth** in discipleship

Example of a discipleship system

# Education Currently Available through Lay Servant Ministries



- ❖ **No prerequisites**

- ❖ **No designated course order**

**Take courses in a rational pattern of development according to individual need.**

- ❖ **Open to anyone**

**Requirements are set forth in *The Book of Discipline* for those who wish to become a certified Lay Servant.**

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# **Lay Servant Ministries meets** ***See All the People***

**Course work that can be adapted both to**

❖ **personal** endeavors and

❖ **corporate** efforts

**for growth in discipleship.**



# **Start with Introduction to Lay Ministry: *The Basic Course***

**Emphasis on Ministry of the laity  
but continues with a description of  
how the UMC functions, corporate  
efforts. (Also in Spanish)**

## **Bridging The Gap**



**Personal ↔ Corporate**

## **Note:**

- ❖ ***Basic* is a requirement for recognition As a Certified Lay Servant, but not a prerequisite for taking other Lay Servant Ministries courses.**
- ❖ **Classes are not limited to Lay Servants and those aspiring to achieve this recognition.**
- ❖ **See Paragraph 266.3 for Certified Lay Servant requirements.**

# **Continue with**

- \* Discover your Spiritual Gifts**
- \* Rediscover Your Spiritual Gifts  
(online course).**

**A serious examination to determine spiritual gifts, followed by discussion about how to incorporate each individual's gifts into local church efforts.**

**Note: This course is not a required second effort but is frequently recommended as such.**

# ***PERSONAL GROWTH BY AN INDIVIDUAL***

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- ★ **Living Our United Methodist Beliefs  
(United Methodist Heritage).**
- ★ **Living Our United Methodist Beliefs  
(Online Course).**
- ★ **Devotional life in the Wesleyan Tradition  
(Also in Spanish and Korean).**

# ***PERSONAL GROWTH . . . CONT'D.***

- \* Growing Spiritually Through Daily Disciplines (Online Course).**
- \* Accountable Discipleship.**
- \* Embracing Personal Prayer.**

# ***PERSONAL GROWTH IN COMMUNITY***

- \* Come to the Table (Holy Communion)**
- \* Come to the Waters (Baptism)**
- \* Patterned By Grace: How Liturgy Shapes Us (Online Course)**

# ***CLASSES FOR ENCOURAGING AND SUPPORTING DISCIPLESHIP (CATEGORIES)***

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★ **Education**

★ **Worship**

★ **Sharing the Word**

★ **Missional**

**Maintenance**

★ **Evangelism**

★ **Caring**

★ **Social Justice**

★ **The Connection**

★ **Conflict Resolution**

# ***Education***

- ★ **Teach Adults (addresses different styles of learning and other adult related topics)**
- ★ **Teach Adults (online course)**
- ★ **Leading Bible Study**
- ★ **Leading Bible Study (online course)**





# *Worship*

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- ★ **Planning Worship**
- ★ **Leading Worship**
- ★ **Leading Worship 101**  
**(online course)**
- ★ **Leading in Prayer**
- ★ **Leading Public Prayer**



# ***WORSHIP***

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**(CONTINUED)**

- ★ **Your Ministry of Leading Worship 101**  
**(online course)**
- ★ **Multimedia Technology in Worship for the Church Volunteer 101**  
**(online course)**

# ***Sharing the Word***

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- ★ **Called to Preach**
- ★ **You Can Preach**
- ★ **From Your Heart to Theirs:  
Delivering an effective Sermon**
- ★ **Biblical Storytelling I**
- ★ **Biblical Storytelling II**
- ★ **Dancing With Words**



# ***Sharing the Word, Continued***

## **\* Prepare to Teach**

**This is a presentation, not an advanced course, within the North Texas Conference. The emphasis is on teaching adults, and is a requirement for the “designated teacher” status within the NTC conference.**

# ***CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER***

**Note: There is a particular designation within Lay Servant Ministries, the Certified Lay Speaker. Just taking courses on sermon preparation and delivery does not meet the requirements to achieve this status.**

**For the requirements see the Book of Discipline paragraph 267.**

# ***MISSIONAL SUPPORT***

- \* Afire With God (holistic understanding of stewardship)**
- \* Afire With God (online course)**

# ***EVANGELISM***

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- ★ **Transforming Evangelism**
- ★ **Transforming Evangelism (online course)**
- ★ **God's Mission...Our Journey**



# ***EVANGELISM*** (CONTINUED)

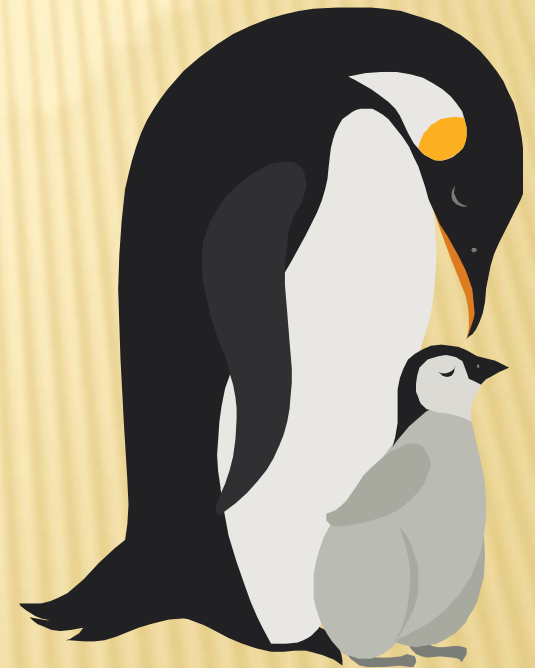
- ★ **Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders**
- ★ **Leading Missional Small Groups**
- ★ **Leading Missional Small Groups  
(online course)**



# *Caring*

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- ★ **Lay Pastoral Caregiving**
- ★ **Aging and ministry in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**



# SOCIAL JUSTICE

## ★ Justice in Everyday Life

### (The Social Principles of the United Methodist Church)



# ***THE CONNECTION***

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- ★ **Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (United Methodist Polity)**
- ★ **Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (United Methodist Polity online course)**
- ★ **Class Leaders**
- ★ **Children of Abraham (online course)**

# CONFLICT RESOLUTION

## \* Lay Servants Lead in Conflict Resolution



**A full description of all courses can be found in the booklet, 2018 Lay Servant Ministries: Equipping Resources. Call 800-972-0433 and request item #M184.**

**or**

**Online at Discipleship Resources**

**[https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/  
resources/lay-servant-ministries-catalog](https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/lay-servant-ministries-catalog)**

**An invitation from**  
***Lay Servant Ministries***

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**We welcome all church members to take advantage of the classes offered by Lay Servant Ministries.**

**You do not have to be a lay servant, nor aspire to be one to take our classes. Of course, we would love to have you in fellowship with us.**

**For requirements to become a Certified Lay Servant, see Paragraph 266.3**

# ***Lay Servant Ministries***

***Equipping the laity to recognize and respond to their call to ministry***

**to make Disciples  
of Jesus Christ  
for the  
transformation  
of the world.**

