

CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT

Serves the local church or charge (and/or beyond) and:

- Provides program leadership, assistance, and support
- Leads meetings for prayer, training, study, and discussion
- Conducts, or assists in conducting, services of worship, preaches the Word, or gives addresses
- Provides congregational and community leadership and fosters caring ministries
- Assists in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion
- Teaches the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of The United Methodist Church.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:

- Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- Lay Servant Ministries BASIC course
- Lay Servant Ministries advanced course
- District committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure (See ¶1668.3) approval

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:

- Annual report & renewal application
- Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years
- District committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure (See ¶1668.3) approval

CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER

Serves by preaching the Word when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on Lay Servant Ministries, in accordance and compliance with ¶1341.1.

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:

- Certified as a lay servant (or equivalent as defined by his or her central conference)
- Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- Completion of a track of study as defined in ¶1267.3.c.
- Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:

- Annual report & renewal application
- Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years
- Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval every three years after interview with and recommendation from the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries

CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER

As part of a ministry team with supervision and support of a clergyperson:

- Conducts public worship
- Cares for the congregation
- Develops new faith communities
- Preaches the Word
- Leads small groups
- Establishes outreach ministries
- Serves as a class leader
- Engages in specialized ministries after appropriate training such as in parish nursing and church planting
- Assists in program leadership

REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:

- Certified as a lay servant, lay missionary (or equivalent as defined by his or her central conference)
- Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- Completion of a track of study as defined in ¶1268
- District Superintendent recommendation
- Appropriate screening & assessment
- Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from district committee on Ordained Ministry

REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:

- Annual report
- Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation
- Ministry review
- Lay Servant Ministries advanced course or approved continuing education event every two years
- District Superintendent recommendation
- Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval every two years after interview with and recommendation from district committee on Ordained Ministry



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