

Wilmington District Lay Servant Academy Registration – Spring 2019

Full Name	
Preferred Name (Nickname)	
Street 1	
Street 2	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Email Address	
Primary Phone	
Alternate Phone	
Recommending Church	
Name of Pastor	

Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 2313 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803

- Lay Servants Lead Prayer (available Tuesday only) Registration Fees - Advanced - \$45.00

Elkton United Methodist Church, 219 East Main Street, Elkton, MD 21921

- Basic - Lay Servant 1 (available Thursday only) Registration Fees – BASIC - \$40.00
- Lay Servants Preach (available Thursday only) Registration Fees - Advanced - \$45.00
- Lay Servants Lead Worship (available Thursday only) Registration Fees - Advanced - \$45.00
- Social Principles (available Thursday only) Registration Fees - Advanced - \$45.00

Method of Payment - Select One:

- Personal Check (Make checks out to “***Wilmington District United Methodist***”)
- Check from Church or Ministry (list all students covered in check memo or attached note)
- Cash (Bring cash to registration on first night of class)

Print out registration form, complete fully and mail with a check(s) to:

Wilmington District Lay Servant Academy (c/o Ivan Turner, Jr.) 105 Falcon Lane, Wilmington, DE 19808
Alternatively, scan form and send by email to layservantacademy.wilmdist@gmail.com

Wilmington District Lay Servant Academy Course Offerings - Spring 2019

Locations:

- *Aldersgate UMC, Tuesday Evenings (7-9:30 PM): 04/23/2019 - 05/21/2019*
- *Elkton UMC, Thursday Evenings (7-9:30 PM): 04/25/2019 - 05/23/2019*

BASIC - Lay Servant 1 (available Thursday only)

Elkton United Methodist Church

God calls every Christian to a life of servanthood as a disciple of Jesus Christ. The BASIC Lay Servant 1 Course, introduces and develops processes that help individuals discern and respond to God's call on their lives. By encouraging each person to recognize and apply his or her spiritual gifts for the mission and ministry of the church, the church becomes what God intended it to be. This course invites participants 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 optimal communication in leadership and presents numerous types of ministries in which lay servants may assume roles. Throughout the study, thoughtful questions provide excellent opportunities for individual consideration and group discussion.

Advanced Courses

Lay Servants Lead Prayer (available Tuesday only)

Aldersgate United Methodist Church

This Advanced Lay Servant course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who regularly or occasionally leads in public prayer. Prayer is something we learn; for many, however, the only teaching about prayer they ever receive is in Sunday worship. This course may challenge some assumptions, test some preconceived ideas, stretch some thinking, and enrich prayer life. It will, at the very least, present an opportunity to grow in the discipline of public prayer.

Lay Servants Lead Worship (available Thursday only)

Elkton United Methodist Church

This Advanced Lay Servant course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who regularly or occasionally leads in worship. The course is grounded in the classic patterns of Christian worship and the practices of leading worship. Participants will come to understand more about Christian worship in order to lead worship with more confidence by practicing leading worship in a variety of formats throughout the course.

Lay Servants Preach (available Thursday only)

Elkton United Methodist Church

This Advanced Lay Servant course designed for Lay Servants who have not completed formal preaching training, for Lay Servants seeking a basic refresher course, and for Lay Servants who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. This course teaches the Lay Servant the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing engaging sermons. Lay Servants Preach is a required course in the Lay Speaker track of study.

Social Principles (available Thursday only)

Elkton United Methodist Church

This Advanced Lay Servant course is designed to help the Lay Servant examine "The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church" as contained in the official text of *Social Principles of The United Methodist Church 2017 – 2020*. The Social Principles Advanced Course provides the Lay Servant opportunities to examine their own theology and ethics and to apply these values to their personal discipleship practices. The product of ninety-eight years of legislative decisions made by lay and clergy members of The United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations, our Social Principles are prayerful and thoughtful efforts on the part of many General Conferences to speak to complex and controversial issues in the global community.

For additional information or questions contact:

- Lay Servant Academy, Wilmington District [layservantacademy.wilmdist@gmail.com]