

## **Peninsula-Delaware Lay Servant Academy Registration – Spring 2022**

***Dancing with Words*** (Thursday Evenings 4/28/2022, 5/5/2022, 5/12/2022, 5/19/2022, 5/26/2022)  
*Available by Zoom Only*

This Advanced Lay Servant course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who regularly or occasionally practices public speaking. Story telling is a learned skill; for many, however, the only story telling instruction they ever receive is in reading a good book. This course helps the Lay Servant explore what constitutes a good story, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their own experiences.

***Living Our Beliefs*** (Thursday Evenings 4/21/2022, 4/28/2022, 5/5/2022, 5/12/2022, 5/19/2022)  
*Available by Zoom Only*

This Advanced Lay Servant course focuses on reclaiming the balance of John Wesley’s wisdom between cultivating Christian life and our witness. While keeping alive Wesley’s emphasis on experiencing the grace and forgiving love of God, Lay Servants also have a vital role maintaining our witness to holiness and discipleship that Wesley assigned to instruction in Christian beliefs and participation in spiritual disciplines. “Living Our Beliefs” is an essential and ***required*** Advanced Course for every Certified Lay Servant in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of The United Methodist Church.

***Social Principles*** (Thursday Evenings 4/28/2022, 5/5/2022, 5/12/2022, 5/19/2022, 5/26/2022)  
*Available by Zoom Only*

This Advanced Lay Servant course is designed to help the Lay Servant examine their own theology and ethics as related to Social Principles such as global migration, immigration, gun violence, mass incarceration, climate & environmental stewardship, living wage, access to clean water and healthcare and to apply these values to their personal discipleship practices. The Social Principles of The United Methodist Church are the product of ninety-eight years of legislative decisions made by lay and clergy members of the denomination and its predecessor denominations as prayerful and thoughtful efforts on the part of many General Conferences to speak to complex and controversial issues in the global community.

***The Sacraments*** (Sunday Afternoons 4/24/2022, 5/1/2022, 5/7/2022, 5/15/2022, 5/21/2022)  
*Available by Zoom Only*

This Advanced Lay Servant course is designed to help the Lay Servant examine and deepen their experience of Holy Communion, baptism, confirmation, and reaffirmation of baptism, through the wide-ranging study of scripture, church history, United Methodist theology and the practices of the sacraments.

***Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Group Bible Studies*** *Available by Zoom Only*  
(Thursday Evenings 4/28/2022, 5/5/2022, 5/12/2022, 5/19/2022, 5/26/2022)

This Advanced Lay Servant course is designed to help the Lay Servant teach Biblical faith, the by applying the tools for biblical study to explore scripture, perform historical studies of scripture texts, experience praying the scriptures, and practice teaching in small groups of supportive colleagues.

**Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/6rYVJGKPsSim9mJC7>

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