

CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT	CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER	CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER
<p>Serves the local church or charge (and/or beyond) and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. 	<p>Serves by preaching the Word when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on Lay Servant Ministries, in accordance and compliance with ¶341.1.</p>	<p>As part of a ministry team with supervision and support of a clergy person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 ¶668.3) approval 	<p>REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified as a lay servant (<i>or equivalent as defined by his or her central conference</i>) • Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation • Completion of a track of study as defined in ¶267.3.c. • Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries 	<p>REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified as a lay servant, lay missionary (<i>or equivalent as defined by his or her central conference</i>) • Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation • Completion of a track of study as defined in ¶268 • District Superintendent recommendation • Appropriate screening & assessment • Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from district committee on Ordained Ministry
<p>REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 ¶668.3) approval 	<p>REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	<p>REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report • Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation • Ministry review • Lay Servant Ministries advanced course or approved continuing education event annually • 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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TRACK OF STUDY



After you become a Certified Lay Servant, you may choose to begin the track of study defined by Book of Discipline ¶ 267.3.c. The track of study for becoming a Certified Lay Speaker requires that you complete Advanced LSM courses in each of the following areas:

1. Leading Worship
2. Leading Prayer
3. Discovering Spiritual Gifts
4. Preaching
5. United Methodist Polity
6. United Methodist Heritage

Be sure to check the LSM course catalog to determine if local course offerings fall under these categories. <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/lay-servant-ministries-catalog>

After initial certification, **any** Advanced LSM course is acceptable for recertification. Recertification courses should be taken every three years for Lay Servants and Lay Speakers, and every two years for Lay Ministers.

Some Certified Lay Speaker track of study courses are also available online: <http://www.beadisciple.com/lay-servant-ministries/>

Questions?

Contact your District Director(s) of Lay Servant Ministries or the Administrator of your district.

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BWC Lay Servant Ministries Training Page:

<http://www.bwcumc.org/events/lay-servant-ministry-training/>

CM District LSM Page:

<http://www.bwcumc.org/districts-blog/cm-district-lay-servant-ministries/>

UM Discipleship Ministries:

<http://www.umcdiscipleship.org/leadership-resources/ministry-of-the-laity>