

## Lay Servant Ministries

### A Lay Servant is:

- An active, supportive member of a United Methodist Church.
- Eager to serve through the church.
- Well informed on Scripture and on the doctrine, heritage and organization of the United Methodist Church.
- Committed to witnessing through church and community leadership, care-giving ministries and spoken communication.
- Willing to improve his/her skills through training.

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### Certification Requirement

#### Local Church Lay Servants:

- Pastor Approval
- Basic Course Certification

#### Certified Lay Servants

- Pastor Approval
- Basic Course Certification
- Advance Course Certification every 3 years



## North Central District Lay Servants Training Event

### Date:

**Saturday  
September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

### Location:

**Forest UMC  
17635 E SR 40  
Silver Spring, FL 34488**

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Basic Course: \$40.00

Advance Courses: \$40.00

(Course Books & Meals are included)

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## Schedule

**8:00 Orientation/Breakfast**

**8:30 Session 1**

**9:30 Break**

**9:45 Session 2**

**10:45 Break**

**11:00 Session 3**

**12:00 Lunch**

**1:00 Session 4**

**2:00 Break**

**2:15 Session 5**

**3:15 Break**

**3:30 Summary Session**

**4:30 Course Survey**

**4:45 Award Certificates**

**5:00 Communion Service**

**5:30 Dismissal**

## Basic Course:

This Basic Course for Lay Servants provides the framework for all leadership in mission and ministry. This course will equip leaders to better lead not only in your church, but also in the local community.

The following topics will be covered:

- Servant leadership
- Spiritual leadership
- Caring ministries
- Sharing your faith
- Leading meetings

**“Please **read** your Book & bring your Book and Bible with you.”**

## Advance Courses:

### **“The Empowerment Church”**

Speaking a New Language for Church Growth

The purpose of the church is simple: it exists to bring people to salvation in Christ, and to positively and permanently change lives for the good of the community. The way the church fulfills this basic calling is through empowerment: endowing people with the capacity to be recipients and catalysts of positive social and personal change. Too many churches in North America have neglected this basic calling, argues the author. If they are to become thriving centers of personal and social transformation, then they must work to empower the whole person through ministries that work at the same time for spiritual, relational, and communal transformation. Only when they thus empower individuals to be disciples of Jesus Christ in ways that then transform those individuals' personal relations and the communities in which they live will the church have fulfilled its basic calling.

### **“Your Church Can Thrive”**

Making the Connections That Build Healthy Congregations

How is your church going to grow? Will it grow by fine-tuning worship, the preaching, the Christian education programs, and the like? Or will it grow by making strategic assessments of the people it is most likely to reach and focusing the ministries of the church on the goal of offering the gospel to those people? In this brief, practical book Harold Percy helps congregations answer these critical questions about their mission and ministry.

There are four main groups of people that any congregation can and should seek out: 1. Those in the pews; 2. Those who walk in; 3. Friends and family of current members; 4. Those who live in the neighborhood. Percy argues that these four types of people represent the congregation's best opportunity to lead people to become committed disciples of Jesus Christ.

# REGISTRATION FORM

*“Please complete this form, obtain your Pastor’s signature, and send with your payment to the address below.”*

NAME (please print): \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (Priority #): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF LOCAL PASTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

PLEASE MARK THE COURSE YOU ARE TAKING:

\_\_\_\_\_: Basic Course

\_\_\_\_\_: Advance Course (“Your Church Can Thrive”)

\_\_\_\_\_: Advance Course (“The Empowerment Church”)

EVENT COST: \$40.00  
(Course Books & Meals are included.)

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: **“NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT”** – DEADLINE: **August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

MAIL: **Registration & Checks**

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