

Registration Form

(PLEASE PRINT)

I am interested in taking the Advanced Course on "Living Our Beliefs:"

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

HOME CHURCH _____

Make \$35.00 check payable to **St. James UMC** and write "**LSM**" on the notation line. Complete and mail registration prior to **November 27, 2017.**

Mail to:

Rod Groom
5712 39th St. Circle E.
Bradenton, Fl. 34203

Please bring a pen, notebook and Bible to class. The **Living Our Beliefs** book is *Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way*, by Kenneth L. Carder. It is available in print at www.cokesbury.com, and in print, ePub, and Kindle editions at <https://bookstore.upperroom.com>.

Make sure you buy the book by Carder, and not the Leader's Guide!

From the publisher: Explore a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church as defined in Part II of *The Book of Discipline*. Uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as you embrace the United Methodist way.

"Beliefs are to be lived; doctrine is to be practiced," writes Carder in this updated edition of his 1996 bestseller. "The authenticity of beliefs lie in their ability to shape people and communities into the image of Christ and to promote holiness and happiness. ...The important test of the validity of doctrines and beliefs for United Methodists is the kind of character they produce in individuals and communities and the actions they inspire in the world."

Lay Servant Training Classes

South West District



Advanced Course: Living Our Beliefs

Friday, December 1, 2017

6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and

Saturday, December 2, 2017

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

First United Methodist Church

126 S Pine St,
Sebring, FL 33870

Instructor:

Rod Groom is leading the Basic Class this weekend. He is the Conference Director for Lay Servant Ministries and is also serving as the Interim South West Director. He has been a lay servant for twenty years, and met his wife (who is now his pastor!) in a Basic class. He has completed requirements this year to be additionally recognized as a Certified Lay Speaker.

What is a Lay Servant?

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.

TYPES OF LAY SERVANTS

We now have three types of lay servants:

- Certified Lay Servants
- Certified Lay Speakers
- Certified Lay Ministers (cont.)

We also have a related position of Lay Missioner under **the National Plan for Hispanic/Latino Ministries**.

To review the disciplinary provisions and requirements for the various types of lay servants, see the 2016 *Book of Discipline*, Paragraphs 266 - 269.

For further information, see our Lay Servant Ministries webpage at: <http://floridalayservants.com>.

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