

LAY SPEAKER/SERVANT CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

Basic A— The first class needed to become a Certified Lay Speaker/Servant (5 hours of 10 hours) — This class includes Sessions One, Two, and A Brief History of Lay Speaking from the *Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course Participant’s Book*. You will learn about the “Ministry of the Baptized” 1 Peter 2:9-10 and the Ministry of Leading. Led by Anthony Swinger, CLS & Co-Central District Lay Leader, Plainfield UMC.

Basic B—The second class needed (final 5 hours of 10 hours) to become a Certified Lay Speaker/Servant— You will learn the Ministries of Caring, Respectful Communicating and Going into the World (The Great Commission) using the *Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course Participant’s Book* Led by Mark Eutsler, Certified Lay Speaker, CCMT, Romney UMC.

ADVANCED COURSES

(Must complete Basic A and B to attend Advanced Courses)

A1 Introduction to the Testaments: From Creation to the Cross This course will focus on the key people, places and themes presented in the two testaments. You’ll leave with tools to “unlock” the Bible and make it come alive; an understanding of the historical, geographical, and cultural backgrounds that holds the biblical story together; and a clear understanding of the relationship between the two testaments that make up our Bible. Led by Rev. Dr. Frank Beard, North Central District Superintendent

A2 Finances (Home /Church) A Family Affair :Restoring Hope in Bad Economic Times Individuals, families, churches, and societies are struggling in a serious economic downturn. Learning to live in today’s economic climate requires a return to a biblical way of thinking and living. We need to live in a ‘new’ reality by becoming financially literate. Participants will combine the scripture, their central theme and a personal illustration or story into a 3-4 minute homily to be shared in small groups. Lay speakers will leave with a “toolkit” to talk about stewardship finances and will have explored scripture, heard others’ perspectives and formed the “seed” of a message to be used at a future date. Led by Michael McAninch (CPA/Financial Planner), Julie O’Connor, St. Luke’s UMC, Rev. David Williamson, Assoc. Pastor, St. Luke’s UMC

A3 Passionate & Creative Worship: From Drama & PowerPoint to Puppets will teach you to “*Use your talents and skills to develop passionate & creative worship for your congregation.*” You will explore different worship styles that are pleasing to the Lord while asking: “Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.” (Gal 1:10) After discussion and development of ideas, class participants will prepare a 4 minute presentation using the tool of their choice which will be followed by a presentation review. Led by Karen Rice, CLS, Cicero UMC

A4 Lay Speakers Preach will focus on issues of Biblical interpretation and theology of preaching, as well as the social and liturgical contexts of proclamation of the Gospel. In this course, you will explore the context of preaching; review methods of preaching; consider the importance of Biblical, Christ-centered preaching; discuss the ethics of preaching. Prior to the meeting, please select ONE scripture lesson and prepare a sermon text to bring to the class. You will deliver the sermon in full and together we will evaluate your sermon, including content and delivery. Please manuscript the sermon, even if you plan to deliver the sermon with only notes or from memory. Practice the sermon so that it is 4 - 12 minutes in length. Bring your Bibles, paper and pen/pencil along with your prepared sermon manuscript and/or notes. Led by Rev. Chris Roberts, Associate Pastor at Meridian Street UMC. Contact him with any questions or for assistance preparing your sermon in advance at croberts@meridianstreet.org

A5 Lay Serving: Witnessing from the Heart/Word Have you ever found it hard to witness to someone about your faith? Join the crowd! This seminar will empower you to feel more adequate about showing your faith. In fact, you just may gain a few nuggets of truth so that someone may actually say yes to your next invitation for them to join you on Sunday morning. Led by Rev. Dr. Reginald Lee, Indianapolis Wesley UMC

Please choose either one basic class or one advance class. (Classes limited to 20)

- Basic A** **Basic B**
- A1 Introduction to the Testaments: From Creation to the Cross**
- A2 Finances (Home/Church) A Family Affair: Restoring Hope in Bad Economic Times**
- A3 Passionate & Creative Worship: “From Drama & PowerPoint to Puppets”**
- A4 Lay Speakers Preach**
- A5 Lay Serving: Witnessing from the Heart/Word**

Name		Home Address	
City	Zip	Home Phone	Cell/Work Phone
E-mail Address		Local Church	District
Amount Paid	Check Number	Cost is \$20, Includes lunch and materials Make Checks Payable to INUMC	

Please secure signature of pastor. Note to Pastor: your signature indicates your approval of this person as a Lay Speaker/Servant.

Pastor Signature _____

Who Should Attend?

Lay Speakers/Servants School is for Local Church and Certified Lay Speakers/Servants and for anyone interested in learning or polishing skills relating to speaking, teaching, leading, and caring ministries by church laity.

Requirements?

The requirements by the General Board of Discipleship indicate that to become a Lay Speaker/Servant, you must be recommended by your local church. The candidate may become a Local Church Lay Speaker/Servant (LCLS) by completing the Basic Course: Part A and Part B. To maintain your LCLS status, you need to submit a report and reapplication with local church recommendation annually.

After completing the Basic Courses, a candidate may become a Certified Lay Speaker/Servant (CLS), by completing any two Advance Courses. To maintain the CLS status a candidate must: 1) complete a minimum of ten hours course work every three years; 2) submit an annual report outlining the year's activities; 3) and receive recommendation from your local church Charge Conference. We encourage you to participate in Lay Speakers/Servants School as frequently as possible.

Cost?

Cost for the school is \$20 per person, which includes lunch and materials.

What to Bring?

Bring your Bible, notebook, pen or pencil. Basic Courses require a *Book of Discipline* and a *Book of Worship*. (These can be borrowed from your church or purchased Cokesbury.com)

NOTE: Participants in A2, A3, will prepare and present a 4 minute sermon or homily in class. A4 participants should bring a prepared 4 -12 minute sermon and manuscript (even if presenting from notes or memory).

Schedule for the Day

- 8:00 a.m. — Registration/Coffee
- 8:45 a.m. — Welcome & Announcements
- 8:55 a.m. — Devotions
- 9:30 a.m. — Session I
- 12:00 noon — Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. — Session II
- 3:00 p.m. — Communion & Adjournment

CHILD CARE IS PROVIDED ON PRE-REGISTRATION BASIS **ONLY**
(**NO CHILD CARE FOR WALK-INS**)

Bring a bag lunch for each child — **lunch is not provided for children.**

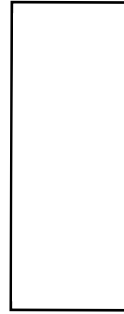
Give name(s), age(s) of each child:

Infants & Toddlers _____

Preschool _____

K thru 2nd Grade _____

3rd thru 5th Grade _____



Deadline to receive preregistration is November 1, 2011

No class materials will be sent to persons registering after this deadline or without payment. **Advance registrations without payment, late registrations and all walk-in registrations cannot be guaranteed class materials or lunch.**

Make checks payable to: **INUMC**

Detach form and mail to:
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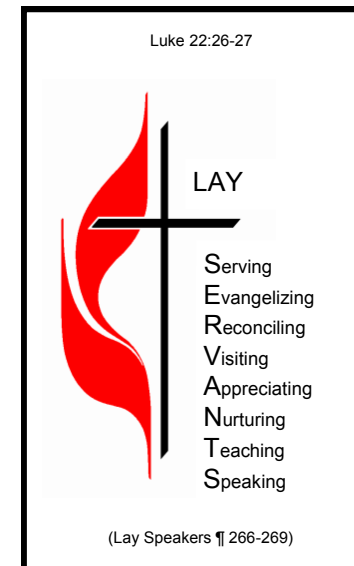
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LAY SPEAKERS/ SERVANTS SCHOOL November 12, 2011

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