

## 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 Jerry Babitz, CLS, Lebanon Centenary 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, Romney UMC.

## ADVANCED COURSES

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

**Finances (Home/Church): A Family Affair (Restoring Hope in Bad Economic Times)** — Michael McAninch, CPA/Financial Planner, Julia O'Connor, St. Luke's UMC and Rev. David Williamson, Associate Pastor, St. Luke's UMC — In Luke 14:28 Jesus said, "For which of you intending to build a tower doesn't first sit down and count the cost to see whether he has enough to complete it?" Learning to live in today's economic climate requires a return to a biblical way of thinking and living. The morning session will focus on home finances. The afternoon will focus on developing your church's "Stewardship Toolkit."

**Lay Serving: Witnessing from the Heart/Word** — Dr. Wayne Smith, Abundant Harvest UMC — 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.

**Lay Preaching: Presenting "Your Testimony"** — TBA — This session is designed to encourage Lay Speakers to use their imagination and creativity, with the Bible as their guide, to write inspiring, heartfelt messages to be used for program presentations or for Sunday worship services. We will explore various scriptures to bring uplifting messages of joy to the hearts of our listeners.

**Spiritual Formation** — Dr. Malcolm Herring, CLS, Zionsville UMC. — Learn basic concepts of spiritual formation and how it helps you understand faith experiences. We will explore how to apply formation principles to develop and execute a wide variety of transformational ministries.

**Effective Praying & Prayer Advocacy**— Rev. Brian Williams, Pastor of Mission, North UMC — Have you ever found it difficult to pray or felt that you have not prayed as well or as effectively as you would have liked? This class will help you to feel better about your praying and prayer advocacy in private as well as in the presence of others. Share prayer concerns and prayer successes with others. Upon leaving this class you will truly be a "Prayer Warrior" through the name of Jesus Christ.

**Jail/Prison Ministries**— Mary Longstreth, Deaconess, North UMC, Phyllis Newton, CLS, Broadway UMC, Jane Ann Lemen, CLS, Horizons of Faith UMC— An overview of jail, prison and reentry ministries to families of those incarcerated.

## LAY SPEAKERS/SERVANTS SCHOOL

May 7, 2011 at Indianapolis Wesley United Methodist Church  
Return Registration Form to: Indianapolis Central District  
3901 N. Meridian Street, Suite 210, Indianapolis, IN 46208-4069  
(Please print ALL information)

**Please choose either one basic class or one advance class. (Classes are limited to the first 20)**

Basic A

Basic B

### Advance Class

Finances (Home/Church): A Family Affair (Restoring Hope in Bad Economic Times)

Witnessing from the Heart/Word

Lay Preaching: Presenting "Your Testimony"

Spiritual Formation

Effective Praying & Prayer Advocacy

Jail/Prison Ministries

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City

\_\_\_\_\_  
Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Local Church

\_\_\_\_\_  
District

\_\_\_\_\_  
Amount Paid

\_\_\_\_\_  
Check Number

Cost \$20, Includes lunch and materials  
Make Checks Payable to INUMC

Approval by Charge Conference? 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 Basic B, a *Book of Worship*. (These can be borrowed from your church or purchased Cokesbury.com)

## 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

<p><b>C</b> HILD CARE IS PROVIDED ON PRE-REGISTRATION BASIS <b>ONLY</b> <b>(NO CHILD CARE FOR WALK-INS)</b></p> <p>Bring a bag lunch for each child — <b>lunch is <u>not</u> provided for children</b></p> <p>Give name(s), age(s) of each child: Infants &amp; Toddlers _____ Preschool _____ K thru 2nd Grade _____ 3rd thru 5th Grade _____</p>
--

CENTRAL DISTRICT  
UNITED METHODIST DISTRICT OFFICE  
3901 N. Meridian Street, Suite 210  
INDIANAPOLIS, IN 46208-4069

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

## Deadline to receive preregistration is April 25, 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: Central District

3901 N. Meridian Street, Suite 210  
Indianapolis, IN 46208-4069  
Phone: 317-924-4140  
877-781-6707

Register online or download  
brochure at [www.indymetroumc.org](http://www.indymetroumc.org)

Questions? contact  
[christin.nevins@inumc.org](mailto:christin.nevins@inumc.org)



## LAY SPEAKERS/ SERVANTS SCHOOL May 7, 2011

Indianapolis Wesley MC  
3425 W. 30th Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
317.926.4414



Sponsored by Central District of the Indiana Conference