

NORTH DISTRICT LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES
SPRING CLASSES 2011
SATURDAYS, MAY 7 AND 14, 2011
9:30 A.M.— 4:00 P.M.
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
352 S. MAIN STREET
CROWN POINT, INDIANA 46307

Basic Course. This is a great class for getting started and the *first required class those interested in Local or Certified Lay Speaker status*. But, it is also a solid beginning for those wanting to learn more about their faith, their church, or themselves.

Lay Speakers Lead in Evangelism. This course will help the lay speaker gain a deeper understanding of biblical hospitality, explore ways in which they may grow in their ministry, explore ways in which families can be more intentional in faith formation, identify faith stories and become more comfortable telling about the faith in our everyday lives, and form teams that include the pastor and lay people that will develop strategies to help congregations proclaim the faith.

From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon. As one of the required courses for Certified Lay Speakers, it addresses the necessary foundations for preparing an engaging sermon. Topics include: exploring sermon types, finding the story, using the hymnal, reading the Bible aloud, and communicating on paper and beyond. It is highly recommended for Certified Lay Speakers who have not taken it!

Go, Preach! This course provides useful information to the lay speaker about the art of writing sermons. The lay speaker will receive information about resources available to research topics, interpret scripture, and write interesting and inspiring sermons.

UM Heritage. This course will assist the Lay Speaker to gain an understanding of the distinctive traditions and emphases of The United Methodist Church. The lay speaker will become informed about the journey of the people historically known as Methodists and Evangelical United Brethren and will develop skills to interpret this heritage to others.

THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

Choose a class from the above list, fill out the registration form, and send it along with your check for \$25 made payable to North District INUMC (to cover the cost of books and supplies) to: **North District INUMC, P.O. Box 1701, La Porte, IN 46352.**

PLEASE NOTE: If you wish to work toward either Local or Certified Lay Speaker status you must also enclose your pastor's recommendation!

Because of the condensed course time, both sessions must be attended in order for the class to count toward Local or Certified Lay Speaker certification. If you have been a Local or Certified Lay Speaker in the past and would like to re-certify, but it has been three or more years since you took a class, *you must begin by retaking the Basic Course*. The curriculum is new, so it isn't simple repetition. For additional information regarding Lay Speakers visit <http://inumc.org/pages/detail/26>.

QUESTIONS? Questions can be directed to Gary Bartholomew at dgarybartholomew@gmail.com (219-872-7672) or Pam Pask at pampask@gmail.com (219-778-2429).

Name _____ E-mail _____

Address, City, Zip _____

Church _____ Pastor _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Course Title (1st choice) _____

Course Title (2nd choice) _____

Pastor Signature (if required) _____

Child Care is available, but we must know in advance. Please list:

Number of children _____ Ages of children _____

Please select your interest:

_____ Local Lay Speaker (Basic Course **MUST** be taken first.)

_____ Certified Lay Speaker (Please note the year of your last class _____.)

_____ Just want to learn more and grow in my walk with Jesus.