

# Lay Servant Academy 2022

*August Training Day!*

## Course Descriptions

### **Basic Course** (10-hour course)

*Course Instructor:* Linda Ray

*Hybrid Course (In Person and Virtual)*

**Course Description:** This course is the foundation for all other Learning and Leading courses. In this course you are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended. Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. This course offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader and in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life.

**Required Reading:** Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course--

<https://upperroombooks.com/book/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participants-book/>

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### **Public Prayer** (10-hour course)

*Course Instructor:* Nilse Furtado-Gilliam

*Hybrid Course (In Person and Virtual)*

**DESCRIPTION:** Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something one learns. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life.

**Required Reading:** Shaping the Prayers of the People: *The Art of Intercession* Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher Participant's Book • 978-0-8028-7097-1 • \$13.49 (ePub, \$15.00) Available at [Cokesbury.com](http://Cokesbury.com) *\*This course provides Certification credit and renewal credit for Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Speakers.*

### **Called to Preach** (10-hour course)

*Course Instructor:* Debbie Powell

*Hybrid Course (In Person and Virtual)*

**Course Description:** *Called to Preach* is designed for those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course, and for others who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. *Called to Preach* is the required preaching course in the lay speaker track of study.

**Required Reading:** From Pew to Pulpit Clifton F. Guthrie Participant's Book • AB6660 • 978-0-687-06660-5 • \$15.99 (Available in Kindle, \$9.99) *\*This course provides Certification credit and renewal credit for Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Speakers.*

### **Certified Lay Minister (CLM) Orientation** (*Half- Day*

*course*) Course Instructor: Rev. Joanna Dietz and Jenn O'Brien

**Half Day Course:** 8:00AM-11:00AM

**Hybrid Course** (In Person and Virtual)

**Course Description:** This 2-hour orientation is designed to provide the support structure required during CLM training for those who have begun the training as well as for those who are considering the training. We will spend time learning expectations of becoming a CLM while creating a network of peers who are also moving toward certification. This cohort will continue to support one another throughout the educational process (1-4 years) while learning how CLMs are functioning in the Virginia Conference.

**Suggested Reading:** *Roots and Routes* by Randy Litchfield & *Parttime is Plenty* by G. Jeffrey MacDonald.

### **The Gospels in Spanish** (*10-hour course*)

**Course Instructor:** David Jiminez-Cardenas

**Hybrid Course** (In Person and Virtual)

**Course Description:** What Are And How To Read The Gospels: "Why understanding and reading the Gospels right is important for Church leaders and Christians in general"

**Required Reading:** Reading: 3 hrs (read a whole Gospel (Gospel of Mark, the shortest one, gives you an average of 1:45 mins at normal speed in Spanish)

Presentation in-Person: 3 hrs.

Writing: 4 hrs Write on a topic that the author wishes to highlight (that is repeated over and over) and why that topic was important to the author –and you!

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

*Course Instructor:* Rev. Renee Delgado (*Full Day Course*)

*Hybrid Course (In Person and Virtual)*

- Morning Session (Saturday, 9:00AM-12:00PM ) - Children's Ministries in a Small Church
- Afternoon Session - One Room Schoolhouse (combined children's and youth ministries)

**Course Description** Children's ministry in small churches is unique. This course is designed to assist volunteers and leaders of children's ministry in small churches. Topics will include: Ministry with small numbers (less than 10), understanding the community setting, staff vs. volunteer, managing a small church budget, the importance of relational ministry, and communications. The afternoon session will focus on One Room Schoolhouse, a model for small churches that need to combine both youth and children's programming.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

*Course Instructor:* Rev. Nickie Moreno Howard (*Full Day Course*)

Saturday, 9:00AM-12:00PM

- Morning Session 1 (Saturday, 9:00AM-12:00PM) - Youth Ministry in a Small Church
- Afternoon Session (Saturday, 1:00PM-4:00PM)- One Room Schoolhouse (combined children's and youth ministries)

**Course Description** Youth ministry in small churches is unique. This course is designed to assist volunteers and leaders of youth ministry in small churches. Topics will include: Ministry with small numbers (less than 10), understanding the community setting, staff vs. volunteer, managing a small church budget, the importance of relational ministry, and communications. The afternoon session will focus on One Room Schoolhouse, a model for small churches that need to combine both youth and children's programming.

