

# Frederick District Lay Servant Academy

## 2022 Class Description & Schedule

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### GENERAL INFORMATION:

- The Frederick District Lay Servant Committee reserves the right to cancel classes for insufficient registration and will give as much notice as possible, so you can register for another class or request a refund.
- No babysitting services are offered.
- No absences are permitted for classes that are to be completed on a 2-day time frame.
- Classes that are one day on a 5-week time frame may have a one-day excused absence for an unusual hardship. However, left up to the discretion of the instructor, the student should make up the session missed.

### CLASS COST: Does not include the required text.

- To register go to Baltimore-Washington Conference website <https://www.bwcumc.org/lay-servant-ministry-training/> > Frederick District.
- Registration is \$35 and payable online (Please contact Tonia Bennett, 410-309-3480, if you would like to pay by check)

**Required text(s) need to be purchased prior to class by the student, and reading assignments that are sent by the instructor need to be completed prior to attending class. The texts may be purchased through:**

- Cokesbury [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com) or call Customer Service 1-800-672-1789
- General Board of Discipleship <https://bookstore.upperroom.org/> or call Customer Service 1-800-972-0433
- Other bookstores may also have the books you need.

**Be sure to keep a copy of the certificate you will receive upon completion of the course. It will be needed along with a signed and approved Certified Lay Servant and Certified Lay Speaker Application to become a Certified Lay Servant. You will also need copies of both the Basic completion certificate and the advanced completion certificate for your annual report for Church Conference each year.**

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### **ADVANCED COURSES**

**(Note: All Advanced Lay Servant Classes also serve as a Re-certification Class for Certified Lay Ministers.)**

Advanced courses are for those who have completed a Basic Instruction class and have been approved to become a Certified Lay Servant or is a Certified Lay Speaker and needs to complete their three-year requirement to re-certify.

### **Called to Preach**

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 Text:** From Pew to Pulpit by Clifton F. Guthrie

**ISBN:** 97806870666605

**Location:** Trinity UMC, 703 W Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701

**Instructor:** Certified Lay Minister, Toni Dufficy

**Class Schedule:** September 24 & October 1, 2022; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (bring a bag lunch and drink)

**(Registration Deadline – September 10, 2022)**

## Living our Principles: A Look at The United Methodist Church's Social Principles (Hybrid)

**Instructor:** Rev. Neal Christie

**Location:** Trinity UMC, 703 W Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701 and Zoom (link will be sent one week before the class)

**Class Schedule:** October 1 – 29; 10 a.m. to noon (Five Saturdays)

**Registration Deadline** September 22

What does it look like to practice our principles both in our personal and public lives?

As faithful United Methodists how can we better listen to one another when we do not always agree on the issues that we face as a church, community and world? And, what can we learn from each other's lived experiences when we hold them alongside inspired Scripture, our Wesleyan tradition, and our capacity to thoughtfully and reasonably discuss urgent issues?

Over the next five weeks participants will engage in meaningful interactive dialogue, group exercises and personal reflection that will expand their knowledge about the UM Social Principles. We will look closely and carefully at the theology and applied values and ethics implicit in the Social Creed and Social Principles. We will discern ways that the Social Principles serve as prayerful resources for our spiritual growth and or responsible civic engagement. We will consider what the UMC actually say about the importance of practicing stewardship of creation, recognizing human dignity and rights, securing a fair and equitable sharing of resources, and peace-building and interdependent global relationships.

Areas we will address include the Natural World, Nurturing Community, Social Community, Economic Community, Political Community, and World Community. We will look at both the 2016 Social Principles and the proposed, Revised Social Principles that will be acted on at the 2024 General Conference.

Throughout the study participants are invited to reflect on concrete ways the Social Principles can amplify and strengthen the mission and ministry of the local church as we make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

### Course materials:

- Justice in Everyday Life available from the Upper Room <https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/DR652/justice-in-everyday-life.aspx> or <https://upperroombooks.com/book/justice-in-everyday-life/>
- 2017-2020 UM Social Principles available from Cokesbury <https://www.cokesbury.com/Social-Principles-of-The-United-Methodist-Church-2017-2020>
- 2021 Revised Social Principles available online at <https://www.umcjustice.org/news-and-stories/social-principles-2020-607>
- Living Our Principles video series available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLKbXvgM3JINZAVaXudhPpo57izayk5mWW>

### Supplementary resources:

- 1908 Social Creed video available at <https://www.umc.org/en/content/methodist-history-1908-social-creed-for-workers>
- Social Principles revision process <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OUsdhm7u49c>
- Additional materials may be shared each week of the course.

## Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (Hybrid) (United Methodist Polity)

This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. Students will come away with an understanding of how our beliefs, mission, and practice are related through Wesleyan theology and organization as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. This course is being offered as a Hybrid Course where students can experience the learning in-person or via Zoom.

**Required Text:** The Method of Our Mission: United Methodist Polity & Organization by Lacey C. Warner. The book is \$20.99 at Amazon and Cokesbury.

**ISBN:** 9781426767173

**Location:** Arden UMC, 4464 Arden Nolville Road, Martinsburg, WV 25403 (Hybrid course)

**Instructor:** Rev. Bob Kells

**Class Schedule:** Tuesday Evenings-October 11, 18, 25, November 1,15 (Nov 8 election day-no class)  
7 to 9 p.m.

**(Registration Deadline: October 4, 2022)**