



	CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT	CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER	CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER
Ministry of service	<p>Serves the local church/charge and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides program leadership, assistance, and support</li> <li>• Leads meetings for prayer, training, study, and discussion</li> <li>• Conducts, or assists in conducting, services of worship, preaches the Word, or gives addresses</li> <li>• Provides congregational and community leadership and fosters caring ministries</li> <li>• Assists in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion</li> <li>• Teaches the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of The United Methodist Church.</li> </ul>	<p>Serves by preaching the Word when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on Lay Servant Ministries, in accordance and compliance with ¶1341.1 of <i>The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church</i> (2016).</p>	<p>As part of a ministry team with supervision and support of a clergyperson:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducts public worship</li> <li>• Cares for the congregation</li> <li>• Develops new faith communities</li> <li>• Preaches the Word</li> <li>• Leads small groups</li> <li>• Establishes outreach ministries</li> <li>• Serves as a class leader</li> <li>• Engages in specialized ministries after appropriate training such as in parish nursing and church planting</li> </ul>
Requirements for Certification in The Susquehanna Conference	<p>Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Equipping God's People Modules 1 &amp; 2</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GROW! Living as Spiritual Transformational Leaders Modules 1 &amp; 2</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introduction to Lay Ministry: The Basic Course + 1 Advanced Course (online or in-person)</li> </ul> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval (See ¶1668.3 <i>The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church</i> (2016))</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified as a Lay Servant</li> <li>• Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation</li> <li>• Completion of approved combined courses that address in detail each of the following areas of study: Spiritual Gifts/Prayer, Preaching/Worship, UM Heritage/UM Polity</li> <li>• These specific areas of study courses are offered by districts or can be taken online at <a href="http://www.beadisciple.com/layservant-ministries/">http://www.beadisciple.com/layservant-ministries/</a></li> <li>• Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified as a Lay Servant</li> <li>• Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation</li> <li>• Completion of Susquehanna Conference Licensing School</li> <li>• District Superintendent recommendation</li> <li>• Appropriate screening &amp; assessment</li> <li>• Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from District Committee on Ordained Ministry</li> </ul>
Requirements for Renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report</li> <li>• Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation</li> <li>• Lay Servant Ministries advanced course (1 CEU) in the last three years or courses/training approved by the District Lay Servant Ministry Committee or Susquehanna Conference Lay Servant Ministries</li> <li>• District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval (See ¶1668.3 <i>The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church</i> (2016))</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report</li> <li>• Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation</li> <li>• Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years</li> <li>• Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval every three years after interview with and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report</li> <li>• Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation</li> <li>• Ministry review</li> <li>• Lay Servant Ministries advanced course or approved continuing education event every two years</li> <li>• District Superintendent recommendation</li> <li>• Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval every two years after interview with and recommendation from District Committee on Ordained Ministry</li> </ul>