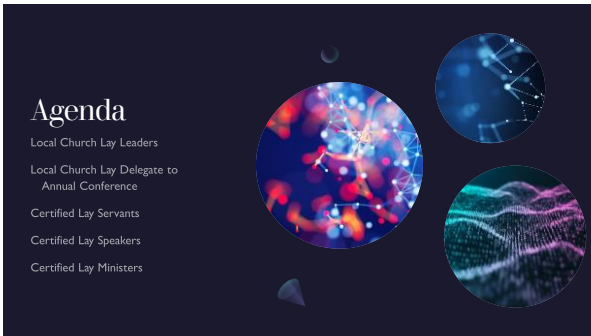


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*Spiritual
Transformational
Leaders engage others
in abundant
Christian love
that transforms lives
wherever they go.*



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Local Church Lay Leader

Para 251.1 *Book of Discipline*, 2016
Kim's definition of the role of the lay leader:

1. Pay Attention!
2. Connect the Dots!
3. Partner with the Pastor and other Leaders



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Lay Member of the Annual Conference

Para 251.2 *Book of Discipline*, 2016

"The lay member(s) of the annual conference, along with the pastor, shall serve as an interpreter of the actions of the annual conference session. These persons shall report to the local church council on actions of the annual conference as soon as possible, but not later than three months after the close of the conference."

Lay Equalization Members are elected from the District to equalize the numbers of lay and clergy at the Annual Conference session.

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Certified Lay Servant

<https://susumc.org/lay-ministry/> - Lay Ministry page

Serves the local church or charge as a member, and:

- Provides program leadership, assistance, and support
- Leads meetings for prayer, training, study, and discussion
- Conducts, or assists in conducting, services of worship, preaches the Word, or gives addresses
- Provides congregational and community leadership and fosters caring ministries
- Assists in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion
- Teaches the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of The United Methodist Church.

Lives out their calling to be apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers everywhere they go!

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REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION in The Susquehanna Conference:

Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation (Form B)

• GROW! Living as Spiritual Transformational Leaders Modules 1 & 2 or

• Introduction to Lay Ministry: The Basic Course + 1 Advance Course

• District committee on Lay Servant Ministries (See ¶1668.3) approval

A renewal process is tracked every year through Form 8 of each church's charge conference paperwork. One advanced class (1 CEU) is required every three years.

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Certified Lay Speaker

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.

Certified Lay Speakers, if desired, are eligible to preach in other congregations as pulpit supply, or short-term interim supply.



Calling specific to speaking/teaching ministries

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REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION in The Susquehanna Conference:

Renewal Interview by District SM Committee every three years

1. Certified as a lay servant – continue to use Form 8
2. Pastor and church council/charge conference recommendation
3. Completion of approved courses that address in detail each of the following areas of study: *Spiritual Gifts, *Preaching, *Worship, *Prayer, *UM Heritage, and *UM Polity.
4. These specific areas of study courses are offered by districts or can be taken online at <http://www.beadsciple.com/lay-servant-ministries/>
5. Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries

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Certified Lay Minister

As part of a ministry team with supervision and support of a clergy person:

- Conducts public worship
- Cares for the congregation
- Develops new faith communities
- Preaches the Word
- Leads small groups
- Establishes outreach ministries
- Serves as a class leader
- Engages in specialized ministries after appropriate training such as in parish nursing and church planting



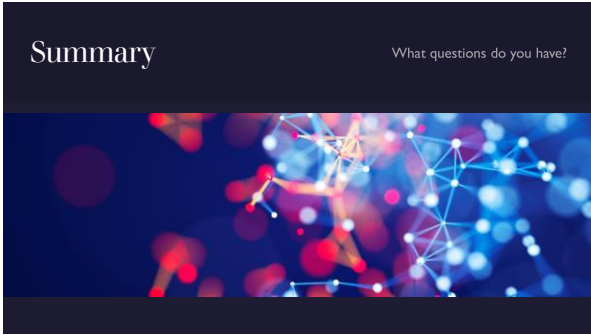
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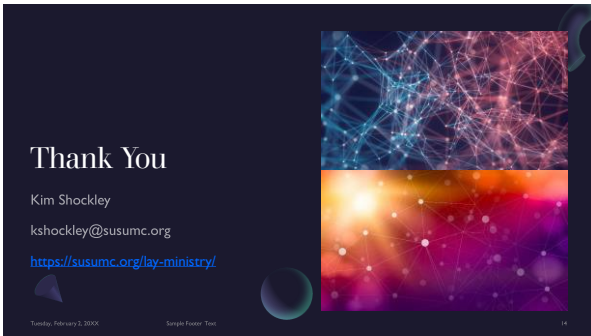
REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION in the Susquehanna Conference:

- Certified as a lay servant
- Pastor and church council/charge conference recommendation (special CLM report)
- Completion of Susquehanna Conference Licensing School
- District Superintendent recommendation
- Appropriate screening & assessment
- Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from District Committee on Ordained Ministry

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