



	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"> • Holds membership in a United Methodist Church • 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. 	<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"> • 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
Requirements for Certification in The Susquehanna Conference	<p>Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipping God's People Modules 1 & 2 <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GROW! Living as Spiritual Transformational Leaders Modules 1 & 2 <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction to Lay Ministry: The Basic Course + 1 Advanced Course (online or in-person) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval (See ¶1668.3 <i>The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church</i> (2016)) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified as a Lay Servant • Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation • 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 • These specific areas of study courses are offered by districts or can be taken online at http://www.beadisciple.com/layservant-ministries/ • Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified as a Lay Servant • Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation • 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
Requirements for Renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report • Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation • 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 • District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval (See ¶1668.3 <i>The Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church</i> (2016)) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report • Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation • Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years • Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval every three years after interview with and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report • Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation • Ministry review • Lay Servant Ministries advanced course or approved continuing education event every two years • District Superintendent recommendation • Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval every two years after interview with and recommendation from District Committee on Ordained Ministry