

STATE COLLEGE DISTRICT 2022 LAY DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Our Vision: Encourage, Equip, Empower, Everyone to Reach, Teach and Serve



To encourage all lay people to engage in learning and not just those who are called to be Lay Servants/Lay Speakers.

Advanced Lay Servant Course: **CHANGE Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (*UM Polity*)**

This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church.

Required books:

1. a copy of the *2016 Book of Discipline*
2. Polity, Practice, and Mission of the UM Church by Thomas Edward Frank OR The Method of Our Mission by Lacey C. Warner

Dates: **Saturdays, November 5 and 12.**

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (lunch may be provided for a donation) Zoom will also be offered.

Location: Bald Eagle Valley UMC, 111 Runville Rd. in Wingate

Register by emailing Rev Hale at nhale@susumc.org

Living our Beliefs will be a ten-hour course offered Winter 2023 for individuals striving to become certified lay speakers, lay servants, or those seeking courses for re-certification. Course will be offered in a hybrid format. Attendees can participate in person at the Fairbrook United Methodist Church (4201 West Whitehall Road, PA Furnace, PA) or via Zoom.

Dates for the course will be January 12, 19, 26 and February 2, 9, 2023 from 6 to 8 pm.

David Wolfgang, certified lay speaker will facilitate the course.

Email David at drwofgang2@comcast.net or 814-574-6848 to register for this course.

A text is recommended and available to assist in the study but not required.

From the Upper Room Bookstore comes this description of The United Methodist Way: Living Our Beliefs, by Kenneth Carder.

Explore a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church. Uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as you embrace the United Methodist way.

"Beliefs are to be lived; doctrine is to be practiced," writes Carder in this updated edition of his 1996 bestseller. "The authenticity of beliefs lie in their ability to shape people and communities into the image of Christ and to promote holiness and happiness. ...The important test of the validity of doctrines and beliefs for United Methodists is the kind of character they produce in individuals and communities and the actions they inspire in the world."

As one reviewer says, "Bishop Carder invites us to both understand and live our beliefs. With deep understanding of Wesley's teaching, he inspires us to practice what we preach. That is the United Methodist way." Book can be purchased on line: <https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/DR571/living-our-beliefs.aspx>