

LAITY ACADEMY – SPRING 2023: SCRANTON WILKES-BARRE DISTRICT
ALL SPRING CLASSES BY ZOOM

The Scranton Wilkes-Barre Laity Academy is for all laity interested in growing in their faith journey. Both basic and advanced classes are available for those who need recertification or want to begin the Lay Servant process. **HOWEVER**, participants do not have to be a lay speaker or lay servant to take courses. All laity are welcome!

Cost per Course: \$30.00 (plus the purchase of your own books*)

Pre-registration is required. Three ways to register:

- 1. Go to sign-up at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/layacademy> (and mail a check)**
- 2. Scan and e-mail registration to scrantonwilkesbarre.org (and mail a check)**
- 3. Check the class you are registering for on the form, fill out the information below and send registration and payment to:**

Scranton Wilkes-Barre District Office UMC

40 Knob Hill Road

Trucksville, PA 18708

(Check made payable to: SUSUMC)

Registration is not complete until payment is received.

I would appreciate a scholarship for class payment.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Best Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Church: _____

*** Required books are listed with each class. Please indicate the following:**

- I will purchase my own book(s).**
- Please purchase the books(s) for me and ship to the above address. I will be notified of the cost and send a check to the District Office.**
- I would appreciate a scholarship for book purchases.**

REGISTRATIONS DUE BY MARCH 31, 2023 (except for GROW! Class due March 10, 2023)

<p>Technology required: Participants need an internet connection and free Zoom account on a device with a camera - so we can see each other and information that will be presented. Go to https://zoom.us/signup to set up an account. ZOOM links for each class will be sent out by each class instructor after the registration deadline.</p>

O Basic Lay Speaking by ZOOM

Tuesdays, April 18 to May 16, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Instructor: John Clary, SWB District Lay Leader

Lay Speaking is the first step to begin your faith journey. It will give you many opportunities to serve the local and greater Church. This class will familiarize you with all areas of ministry and provide an opportunity to explore them. Many journeys of service to the church begin with this class.

Required Books: Lay Servants Ministry Basic Course; Bible

<https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/DR626/lay-servant-ministries-basic-course-participants-book.aspx> Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course

O GROW! Living as Transformational Leaders by ZOOM

Wednesday Mornings, 9-11:30 AM; March 15th to May 10th (excluding Holy Week)

NOTE: Registration Deadline: March 10, 2023

Instructor: Rev. Jim Hollister

GROW! challenges you to grow in your spiritual life and ministry setting, addressing best practices for leading in these in-between times: between what used to work and what we don't know will work yet. The full 8-week course meets the requirements for those in the Local Church Lay Servant, Certified Lay Servant, or Lay Speaker programs and is open to anyone who wants to deepen their faith—both laity and clergy. This course may also be taken as an Advanced Class for recertification. This course will focus on spiritual practices, gratitude, discipleship and clarity of purpose.

Required Books: Simple Harmony: Thoughts on Holistic Christian Life by Larry Duggins

Hero Maker by Dave Ferguson and Warren Bird; Witness Your Why by Jeremy Scott

O Life Together in the United Methodist Connection by ZOOM

Thursdays, April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 25 6:00-8:00pm

Instructor: Pastor Eric Luczak

Life Together in the United Methodist Connection is an advanced course in Lay Servant Ministries that gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of The United Methodist Church. *Life Together in the United Methodist Connection* is required for Lay Servants who wish to become certified Lay Speakers and an excellent resource for any small group desiring a greater understanding of how United Methodists related to one another both at home and around the world.

Required Book: Life Together in the United Methodist Connection

<https://store.upperroom.org/product/life-together-in-the-united-methodist-connection>

O The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation by ZOOM

Sundays, April 16th to May 14th, 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Instructor: Rev. Judy Walker, Conference Superintendent

Every church deals with conflict, both healthy and unhealthy, but perhaps even more so in this season of uncertainty and division. Transforming conflict into a positive rather than a negative force is a spiritual pursuit and needs to be grounded in biblical principles: love of God, neighbor, and self. We can be equipped and empowered to help lead through times of conflict as a time of transformation.

Required Book: The Spirit and Art of Conflict Transformation: Creating a Culture of Justpeace by Thomas Porter

<https://www.amazon.com/Spirit-Art-Conflict-Transformation-Justpeace/dp/0835810267>