



## CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT

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

- Provide program leadership, assistance, and support
- Lead meetings for prayer, training, study, and discussion
- Conduct, or assist in conducting, services of worship, preaches the Word, or gives addresses
- Provide congregational and community leadership and fosters caring ministries
- Assist in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion
- Teach the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of The United Methodist Church.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION in

#### The Susquehanna Conference:

Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation:

- 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

### REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:

- Annual report & renewal application
- Pastor and church council/charge conference recommendation
- Lay Servant Ministries advanced course (1 CEU) in the last three years or courses approved by the Susquehanna Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministries (CCLSM)
- District committee on Lay Servant Ministries (See ¶1668.3) approval.

## 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 ¶341.1.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION in

#### The Susquehanna Conference:

- Certified as a lay servant
- Pastor and church council/charge conference recommendation
- 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.

These specific areas of study courses are offered by districts or can be taken online at <http://www.beadisciple.com/layservant-ministries/>

- CCLSM approval after interview with and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries

### REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:

- Annual report & renewal application
- Pastor and church council/charge conference recommendation
- Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years (1 CEU)
- CCLSM approval every three years after interview with and recommendation from the District Committee on Lay Servant Ministries.

## CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER

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

- Conduct public worship
- Care for a congregation
- Develop new faith communities
- Preach the Word
- Lead small groups
- Establish outreach ministries
- Serve as a class leader
- Engage in specialized ministries after appropriate training such as in parish nursing and church planting

### REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION in

#### the Susquehanna Conference:

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

### REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:

- Annual report
- Pastor and church council/charge conference recommendation
- Ministry review
- Lay Servant Ministries advanced course or approved continuing education event every two years (1 CEU)
- District Superintendent recommendation
- CCLSM approval every two years after interview with and recommendation from DCoM.