

| CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT | CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER | CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER |
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| <p>Serves the local church or charge (and/or beyond) and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 ¶341.1.</p> | <p>As part of a ministry team with supervision and support of a clergy person:</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 • Assists in program leadership |
| <p>REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation • Lay Servant Ministries BASIC course • Lay Servant Ministries advanced course • District committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure (See ¶668.3) approval | <p>REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified as a lay servant (<i>or equivalent as defined by his or her central conference</i>) • Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation • Completion of a track of study as defined in ¶267.3.c. • Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries | <p>REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified as a lay servant, lay missionary (<i>or equivalent as defined by his or her central conference</i>) • Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation • Completion of a track of study as defined in ¶268 • District Superintendent recommendation • Appropriate screening & assessment • Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from district committee on Ordained Ministry |
| <p>REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report & renewal application • Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation • Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years • District committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure (See ¶668.3) approval | <p>REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report & renewal application • 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 | <p>REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:</p> <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 |



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