

3-YEAR COURSE OFFERINGS

Introduction to Lay Ministry and Spirituality

- The Role of a Spiritual Leader
- Covenant Community
- Complementary Ministry of Laity and Clergy

Worship

- Lay Person as Liturgist
- Worship that Attracts

Proclamation and Sharing the Faith

- Lay Person as Proclaimer
- Thematic Worship

Care and Nurturing

- Lay Person as Pastoral Care Giver
- Consultant Skills (listening, etc)

Stewardship, Christian Ethics and Conflict

- Stewardship of all life
- Moral decision-making
- Lay Person as Peace-maker

Developing Theological Perspectives

- Basic Christian Theology
- Theology of John Wesley

Nurturing through Christian Education

- Lay Person as Teacher
- Christian Teaching/Learning
- Nurture and Faith Development

Mission and Social Concerns

- Lay Person as Transformational Leader
- Church as Servant Community
- Ministry in multi-cultural settings

Church History

- Development of Christianity
- United Methodist Church History

Church Leadership, Doctrine and Polity

- Church Administration and Leadership
- United Methodist Doctrine & Polity

Methods of Biblical Interpretation

- Scripture and Wesley's Quadrilateral
- Methods of Interpreting Scripture

Strategizing for Growth

- Church Growth and Revitalization
- Developing Relevant Ministry
- Worship that Attracts

Public prayer class requirements are met throughout the program.

Are You Being Called by God to...

SERVE IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

- Witnessing to your faith
- Sharing the love of Jesus in acts of mercy and justice
- Engaging in risk taking missions and service

VISIT FOR YOUR CHURCH?

- Offering care to homebound or hospitalized persons
- Reaching out to people and families in your community
- Prison or jail ministries

LEAD YOUR CHURCH?

- Teaching Bible study classes
- Proclaiming God's message
- Developing programs for discipleship and service

WORK ON A MINISTRY TEAM?

- Using your skills in a coordinated fashion with ordained clergy
- Helping to plan and implement the ministries of your congregation or of a neighboring church
- Helping to plan strategic ministries in your district

Then the Iowa School for Lay Ministry Is for You!



FOR MORE INFORMATION:
www.iaumc.org/slm

SCHOOL FOR LAY MINISTRY

Developing LAY LEADERSHIP *for the* 21st Century

Presented by the:
School for Lay Ministry Commission
Board of Laity
Iowa Annual Conference
The United Methodist Church

*"I am the vine;
you are the
branches."*



The Iowa School for Lay Ministry provides leadership training to facilitate ministry in and through Iowa United Methodist Churches and Districts. The goals of the Iowa School for Lay Ministry are to provide:

- **Trained and motivated** laity to contribute to the fulfillment of the mission of the Annual Conference to “prepare leaders of the church for the transformation of the world.”
- Lay persons to serve with ordained clergy in **complementary ministries** of various kinds.
 - Spiritually nurturing experiences for persons wishing to **further their faith journey** and explore their Christian vocation.
 - Lay leadership to **assist with programs and ministries** pursuing Christ’s mission.
 - **Continuing education** for laity employed in the local church.
 - An **affordable, accessible** program for persons to discern their calling and prepare for a variety of ministries in their church, district and the Annual Conference.
 - A **significant, transforming impact** on the ministry needs of congregations and communities in the Iowa Annual Conference today and into the future.

Lay ministries take many forms in The United Methodist Church. All flow from baptism, in which Christians are claimed and called as disciples. Church members who feel called to greater leadership or service in, through and beyond the church may attend the School for Lay Ministry.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Men and women who...

- express interest and willingness to serve.
- desire to grow their faith.
- are members of The United Methodist Church or of another denomination.
- are recommended by their Pastor or Staff-Parish Relations Committee Chair.

WHAT KIND OF TRAINING?

High-quality education that ...

- provides a broad knowledge of ministry areas such as evangelism, worship, teaching, leadership and United Methodist beliefs.
- is taught by recognized leaders who give the knowledge and background needed to serve in many fields.
- is an annual commitment of four weekends a year for three consecutive years.

WHAT FINANCIAL COSTS ARE INVOLVED?

Tuition is \$140 per class per student in addition to books, travel and housing costs.

Students may be eligible to receive support from:

- Local churches
- District funds
- Scholarships offered by the Board of Laity

Persons seeking to become a Certified Lay Minister in the Iowa Annual Conference must be a graduate of the School for Lay Ministry.

The role of lay persons in the ministries of The United Methodist Church is expanding. The missional needs of our congregations require trained laity working together with ordained and licensed clergy. Participants in the Iowa School for Lay Ministry are prepared to fulfill a wide variety of roles in and beyond local churches—often based on their professional experiences in other disciplines.

HOW DOES A SLM GRADUATE SERVE?

- Leadership capacities
- Volunteer management
- Christian education
- Care-giving ministries
- Program staff positions
- Visitation ministries
- Youth programming
- District ministries and mission
- Outreach and evangelism

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

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“I encourage you to consider participating in the SLM. It is an excellent way to equip yourself for leadership in The UMC.” –Bishop Laurie Haller