

LAY SERVANT MINISTRY BASIC COURSE

August 7, 9, 11, 14, 16 via zoom from 7-9pm

Greetings and welcome to the Basic Lay Servant course! I am Nancy Byrd and I will be teaching your course on August 7, 9, 11, 14, 16 via zoom from 7-9pm. I have been a Certified Lay Servant since 1993 and in the spring of 2016 successfully completed requirements to become a Certified Lay Minister.

The Basic Course is an incredible foundation for leadership of Laity in the church. During our time together we will have the opportunity to claim the power of our baptism, and how that relates to our leading in the church and even the world. One of the most significant opportunities of Lay Servant training is the opportunity to connect with other servants throughout our district and even the West Ohio Conference. In order to insure we have time to share stories, it is critical that some reading and preparation be completed prior to our gathering.

Step 1: Prior to class

1. Read the enclosed book and answer (in writing) the three questions found on bottom of page 22.
2. Prepare to share in class the spiritual disciplines that you practice and/or those that you struggle with.
3. Wesley insisted we could not love God without also loving our neighbor. In what specific ways can you personally improve your caring response to your neighbor? In what specific ways can your church improve its caring response to its neighbors?
4. Prepare to share in class what are some ways that you can share your faith without preaching or quoting scripture?
5. How do you currently support the practices of continuous study and spiritual renewal?

Step 2: Have with you for class each day:

- Bible
- Lay Speaking Course Book
- Notebook
- Pen or pencil

I look forward to meeting you on August 7th via zoom! If you have any questions, please feel free to call or text me @ 937-974-1726.

In peace and love,

Nancy Byrd