# Lay Speaker Initial Certification Interview (9271)

#### Requirements prior to interview

 See the West Ohio Conference Form for Lay Speaker: www.westohioumc.org/conference/layservant

### **Required Questions**

- How did the Lay Speaker Courses of Study affirm that your call is to serve as a Lay Speaker?
- How has the community of the church affirmed your understanding of call to serve as a Lay Speaker?
- Describe the specific area that you are/will be leading or serving within your local church or District.
- How are you called to pulpit supply or preaching the Word?
- What are your gifts for ministry? What is an example of fruit that has come from your gifts?
- What is your understanding of grace?
- What are your plans for continued growth?

## **Suggested Questions**

- How is it with your soul?
- What did you learn about yourself and about God in the Lay Speaker Course of Study?
- How have you experienced grace?
- What does your support system look like?
- Who has been influential in your Christian journey and how have they influenced you?
- Who are the marginalized in your community and how are you leading your ministry setting to minister with them?

- What spiritual disciplines do you practice?
- What do you do to take care of yourself physically?
- What are your goals for the year ahead?
- What excites you about ministry? What's your passion?
- What is your understanding of the Mission of the Church?
- Share a leadership experience you have had this year.

# **Action Required**

#### Submit:

- 1. West Ohio Conference Form for Lay Speaker
- 2. West Ohio Conference Form for Interview & Action Report
- 3. Copy of Lay Speaker file

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