

# NW DISTRICT LSM•FX LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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## All LSM\*FX Academy Courses are \$42

- ★ FEBRUARY 7-8, 2025 @ LOWELL UMC
- ★ FEBRUARY 21-22, 2025 @ ROME FIRST UMC
- ★ MARCH 21-22, 2025 @ POWDER SPRINGS UMC
- ★ APRIL 25-26, 2025 @ RINGGOLD UMC
- ★ MAY 16-17, 2025 @ DOUGLASVILLE FIRST UMC
- ★ SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2025 @ LOCATION TBA
- ★ OCTOBER 11-12, 2025 @ LOCATION TBA

- ★ *Registration closes 7 days prior to class to give participants time to read the course book and give the instructors time to contact participants prior to class.*
- ★ *Click on the link embedded in the course title to order the book. To get the most out of your LSM\*FX academy experience, please read the entire course book prior to class. Bring your book and something on which to take notes. Pen, paper, tablet, laptop, or phone are common ways people take notes.*
- ★ *Dinner on Friday night, breakfast on Saturday morning, and lunch on Saturday will be provided at no additional charge. If you have special dietary needs, please notify your instructor or bring your own meal. Mealtimes will also be Fresh Expression simulation immersions provided to all class participants by the FX Class. It will be FUN and interactive for everyone!*
- ★ *Each lay servant ministry course is ten hours in one weekend and satisfies advanced lay servant certification requirements. [Click here to view the schedule.](#) To maintain certification, a lay servant must take one advanced class every three years. Each academy will offer at least one lay speaker certification course for those on the lay speaker pathway. To learn how to become a certified lay speaker, [click here.](#)*
- ★ *[To register for LSM\\*FX academy, click here.](#) For those wanting to take additional classes than those offered in-person this year, The North Georgia Conference Lay Servant Ministries also offers online LSM classes throughout the year. [Click here to register for a North Ga Conference LSM online class.](#) Online Lay Servant Ministry courses are also available on [Lay Servant Ministries | Be A Disciple.com](#).*
- ★ *If you have questions about Fresh Expressions or NW District Lay Servant Ministries, contact North West District LSM Director and Conference FX Cultivator, Sharon White @ 770.841.6171 or [nw.layservants@gmail.com](mailto:nw.layservants@gmail.com).*

# LSM\*FX ACADEMY FEBRUARY 7 - 8, 2025

[@LOWELL UMC](#)

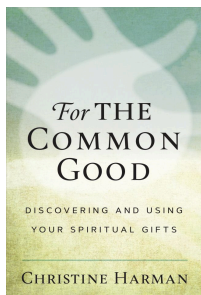
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**CLASS 1:** [Introduction to Basic Lay Servant Ministries](#) is an interactive, intergenerational course for youth and adults taught by [Julie Hatcher](#), Youth Delegate, Hannah Hatcher, and [Marjorie Woods](#). This course is designed for both teens and adults eager to explore their calling, enhance their discipleship, and develop leadership skills. Whether you're new to ministry or looking to expand your service, this course offers: A foundation in United Methodist beliefs and practices; Opportunities to explore spiritual gifts and personal strengths; Practical tools for serving in church and community; The Book of Discipline recommends all that all lay leaders take this course. Additional book for Lay Leaders:

[Conference and District Lay Leader's Manual](#)

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**CLASS 2:** [For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts](#) taught by [Sharon Harris](#) and [Susie Poe](#).



*For the Common Good* reminds us that the Holy Spirit gives each Christian one or more spiritual gifts to be used for the common good. It guides readers to discover their own particular gifts and learn to use their gifts to serve others. Examining key passages in Paul's writings, author Christine Harman leads readers through a personal spiritual gift assessment. She names 20 distinct spiritual gifts—including discernment, compassion, and evangelism—and helps people explore scripture references on each one. After identifying their particular gifts, clergy and laypeople will learn how to apply them for the good of their church, community, and the world. This book is ideal for both group study and self-discovery. The book also includes suggestions for how to build a ministry team or assign people to committees based on the gifts of each individual.

**CLASS 3:** [The Spirit & Art of Conflict Resolution](#) taught by [Marty McGee](#) and [Ed McGrory](#).



*Transforming conflict into a positive rather than a negative force is a spiritual pursuit and needs to be grounded in biblical principles: love of God, neighbor, and self. This book is a resource for leaders, ministers, mediators, facilitators, and conflict transformation consultants who want to approach the work in this way. Part 1 explains how we can prepare ourselves for the work of engaging conflict. Part 2 explores how we engage others in conflict transformation, outlining specific processes. Interwoven with the practical instructions are stories that illustrate the potential for this new "justpeace" approach.*

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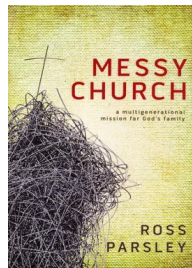
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*God created the church to be a family not a corporation. How can we fulfill his vision? Showing how to build a true community, Parsley offers practical, biblically based guidance to help you provide a place where each person is known, loved, protected, and accepted—and where everybody's deepest needs are met.*

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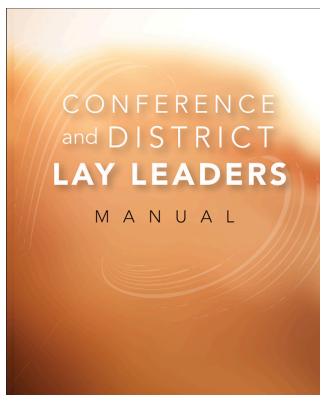
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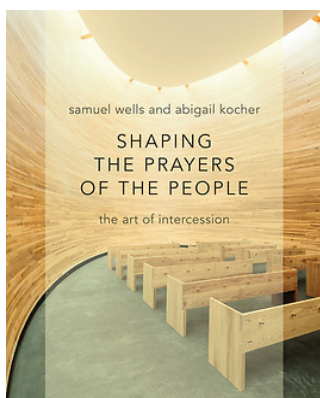


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**CLASS 2:** [Leading Public Prayer](#) taught by [Susie Poe](#)



*At once inspirational and practical, it will empower and equip laypeople and clergy alike to offer heartfelt, informed, thoughtful, and appropriate prayers on behalf of the people of God. As Wells says, Interceding in public worship is a duty. This book is intended to make it a joy. Shaping the Prayers of the People begins by considering what public prayer is and offering practical guidelines for avoiding common pitfalls. It explores prayers as an integral part of worship and discusses the kind of language we need (and don't need) to address God.*

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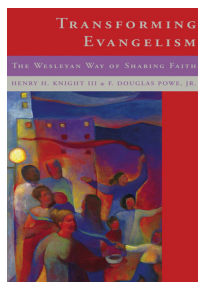
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### CLASS 3: Transformational Evangelism taught by Marty McGee



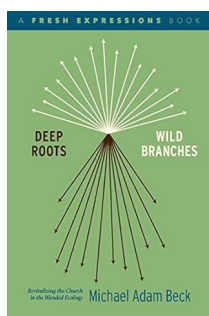
*The central motive of authentic evangelism is: Having received a message that's made all the difference in our lives, we desire to share that message with others in the hope that it will transform their lives as well. Wesley models an evangelism that reaches out and welcomes, invites, and nurtures, and speaks to both head and heart. "Evangelism is about relationships," the authors write. "How we are in relationship to God, who is able to transform us into new beings. How we are in relationship to our neighbor, whom we must love like ourselves."*

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Deep Roots, Wild Branches: Revitalizing the Church in the Blended Ecology God created the church to be a family not a corporation. How can we fulfill his vision? Showing how to build a true community, Parsley offers practical, biblically based guidance to help you provide a place where each person is known, loved, protected, and accepted---and where everybody's deepest needs are met.

This ten hour, life changing, course will provide credit as an advanced LSM course for recertification AND includes two additional hours of Recovery Church / Blended Ecology immersion experiences led by North West District FX pioneer, Julie Hatcher, and Kelly Berryhill, MAC who is an addiction counselor. Julie and Kelly lead New Beginnings recovery church at Stripling Chapel UMC in Carrollton. The blended ecology of their ministry has evolved to include a fresh expression that supports community leaders who work with families in recovery. These FX simulations will be fun, engaging, and shared with other LSM class participants.

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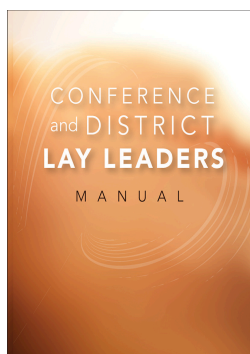
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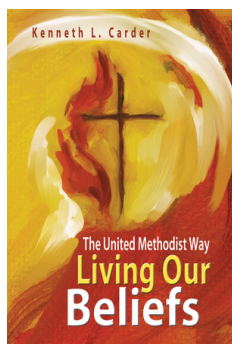


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**CLASS 2:** [Living our Beliefs - UM Heritage](#) taught by [Susie Poe](#).



*You can believe anything and be a Methodist, just so long as you're sincere. Such a misperception has deep historical and cultural roots. Explore a basic explanation of the beliefs and practices of the United Methodist Church as defined in Part II of The Book of Discipline. Uncover a deeper understanding and experience of Christian faith as you embrace the United Methodist Way. "Beliefs are to be lived; doctrine is to be practiced," writes Carder in this updated edition of his 1996 bestseller. "The authenticity of beliefs lie in their ability to shape people and communities into the image of Christ and to promote holiness and happiness. ...The important test of the validity of doctrines and beliefs for United Methodists is the kind of character they produce in individuals and communities and the actions they inspire in the world." Living Our Beliefs is essential reading for new members, confirmation classes and small group studies. As one reviewer says, "Bishop Carder invites us to both understand and live our beliefs. With a deep understanding of Wesley's teaching, he inspires us to practice what we preach. That is the United Methodist way."*

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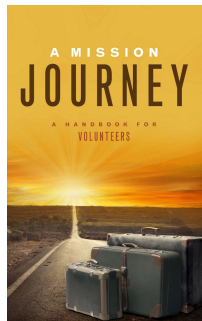
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**CLASS 3:** [God's Mission . . . Our Journey](#) - taught by [Marjorie Woods](#).



*This course will provide participants with a better understanding of a holistic approach to participation in God's mission to the world and equip lay servants for more effective missional engagement in their own communities and beyond. This handbook encourages short-term mission volunteers to reflect on the reasons why they engage in mission and how they plan and prepare to be more intentional. It helps volunteers shape the stories of their mission experiences in a way that enhances their personal and spiritual journeys.*

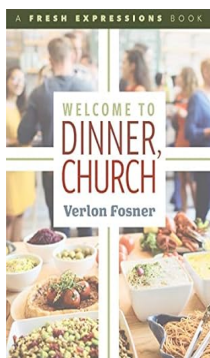
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[Welcome to Dinner, Church.](#)



*Church was not always done the way we do it. There was a time when Christians gathered around tables, included strangers and the poor, ate together, and talked about Jesus. This form of church occurred mostly during the first three hundred years of Christianity, and was highly effective in bringing lost people to Jesus. While the church of today is very meaningful to Christ-followers, it is failing to help our lost neighbors find their way to the Savior. That is no small concern for Jesus' churches, all of which are called to be in the rescue business. This little book examines what it might be like for a traditional church to plant a Dinner Church in a nearby hurting neighborhood. Revelation 3:20 makes it clear that Jesus still wants to have dinner with sinners. That likely means he wants his church to set the table.*

This ten hour, life changing, course will provide credit as an advanced LSM course for recertification AND includes two additional hours of Dinner Church immersion experiences led by North West District FX pioneer, Sheila Crowe, who leads a successful community dinner church in Powder Springs. These FX simulations will be FUN, engaging, and shared with other LSM class participants.

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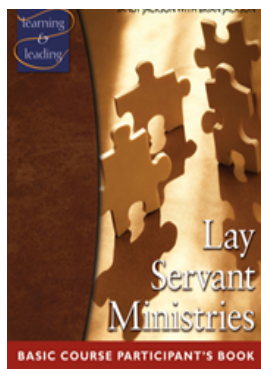
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# LSM\*FX ACADEMY APRIL 25-26, 2025

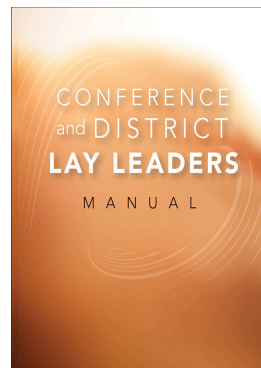
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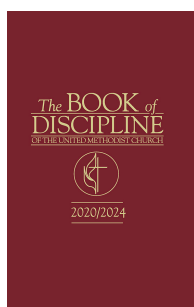
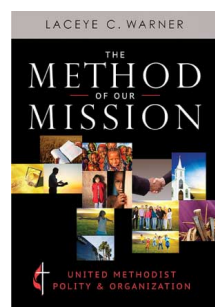


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**CLASS 2:** [Polity - Method of our Mission](#) taught by Dr. Brooke Skelton using the NEW 2024 Book of Discipline.



*Theology shapes who we are and how we organize to transform the world. Especially written for required United Methodist classes, this accessible book uses a Wesleyan theological frame—connection—to help readers understand United Methodism's polity and organization as the interrelationship of our beliefs, mission, and practice.*

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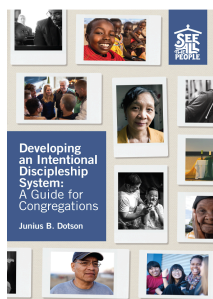
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**CLASS 3:** [Developing an Intentional Discipleship System: A Guide for Congregations-](#)  
taught by [Marjorie Woods](#)



*Developing a Discipleship System: A Guide for Congregations is a practical guide for congregations who find themselves stuck researching community demographics, pouring over worship attendance metrics, and fixing their aging structures, yet lack a system for creating relationships with those who surround their church. We can't program our way back to vitality. Rather, it requires a movement toward discipleship-making, and it begins with a process that reaches into your community. Begin a conversation in your congregation around creating a lifestyle of intentional discipleship. This booklet is your first step!*

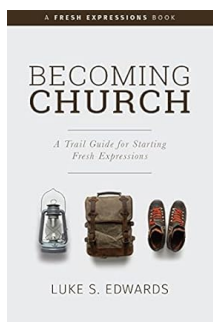
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Each FX class participant will receive a copy of [Becoming Church: A Trail Guide for Starting Fresh Expressions](#)



*As the religious landscape of North America changes, churches find themselves in a rugged wilderness on the outskirts of culture. At the same time, a movement is emerging from the missional edges of our oldest denominations and is working its way through the church as a whole. Thousands of fresh expressions of church are gathering with their post-Christian neighbors, embarking on a journey to follow Jesus together. In these pages you will discover a way through the wilderness, a lightly worn path walked by everyday people who are building communities and becoming church.*

This ten hour, life changing, course will provide credit as an advanced LSM course for recertification AND includes two additional hours of FX immersion experiences led by North Georgia Conference FX Cultivator, Sharon White, who mentors and coaches FX pioneers to become the church outside the walls of their buildings by helping them build relationships with the unchurched people in their communities. These FX simulations will be FUN, engaging, and shared with other LSM class participants.

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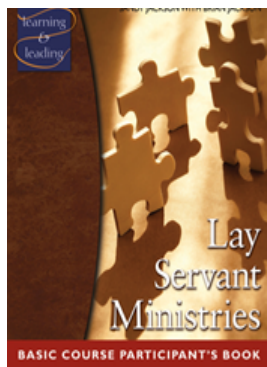
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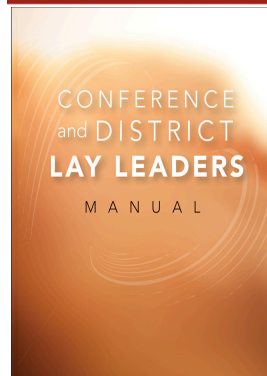
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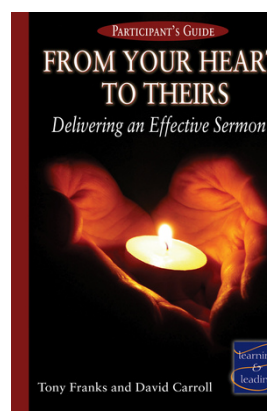


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**CLASS 2:** [Preaching- From Their Heart to Yours](#) - taught by [Sharon White](#)



*"Let me tell you a story." Since childhood, those introductory words capture our attention like few others. Sharing our faith story can be just as captivating and influential. Yet even the most experienced public speaker may need help preparing a sermon that's both engaging and compelling. Franks and Carroll will help you develop such a sermon. The parts of this helpful experiential guide for novice and already certified lay speakers include types of sermons, from exegetical to topical to those for children finding the story and using the hymnal reading the Bible aloud communicating on paper and moving beyond it presentation and practice, Each of the sections is designed for 2-hour sessions. Part of the Learning & Leading Series, which is a course that helps participants to prepare sermons by providing plans and worksheets, stressing good oral*

*communication, offering suggestions on incorporating stories, and providing time for prayer, study and revision. Appropriate for use in a variety of settings, including Lay Speaking Advanced Courses, Ministerial Course of Study, colleges, and seminaries.*

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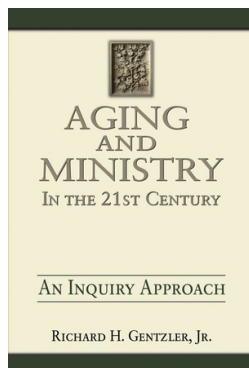
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### CLASS 3: [Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century](#) taught by [Marty McGee](#).



*The church is in the hands of its elders. While the popular perception is that the aged are needy and infirm, Gentzler affirms that the majority of older adults have plenty to give. The church needs to tap into their wisdom, energy, experience, and talents.*

*Gentzler stresses that older adult ministries need to be by and with elders as well as for them, since participants will represent all stages of retirement and activity levels.*

*In addition to the practical issues of programming, Gentzler takes on more difficult topics of aging including chronic conditions, depression, and death. He also recommends that churches pay special attention to the needs of the Baby Boomer generation, since they are now becoming the older adults who will determine the church's path for years to come.*

*"As Boomers have cycled through their various life stages, they passed through 'hippie' and 'yuppie' to become 'abbies': aging Baby Boomers," Gentzler writes. "But don't tell Boomers they're aging. ...They really do expect to stay young and see getting old as an option, rather than a reality."*

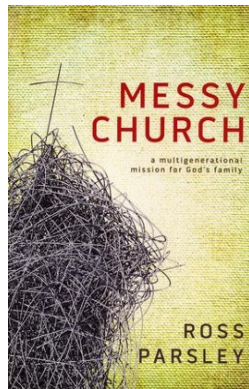
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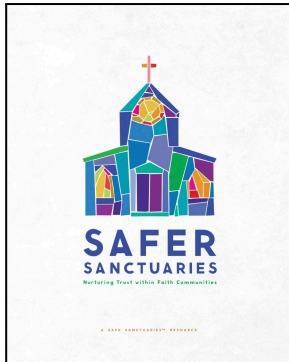
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# August 22-23, 2025 LSM Instructor Training

## Location TBD



August 22- 4-6pm [Safer Sanctuaries](#) taught by [Leslie Stowe](#) -The seven sections of this resource walk through the theological grounding of this work, the psychology of abuse prevention, the basic guidelines for risk reduction, age-level specific guidance, step-by-step instructions on designing and implementing a churchwide policy, how to respond to abuse, and an affirmation and encouragement for the work ahead. Safer Sanctuaries is also a comprehensive volume that includes chapters with guidance for working with: Nursery-age and preschool children; Elementary-age children; Youth; People with disabilities; Older adults; Camping and retreat attendees; College students.

August 22-7-9pm - Tim Poe Technology Training for LSM instructors Tim will provide hands-on, practical training to teach instructors how to use cell phones, word clouds, interactive tools on the web, and digital resources to reach young people.

August 23 -8 AM - 4PM Train the Trainer taught by TBD

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# LSM\*FX ACADEMY SEPTEMBER 21-22, 2025

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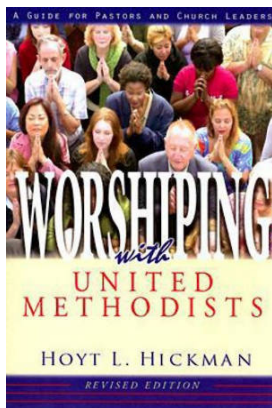
**CLASS 1:** [Ministerios de servicio laico Curso básico Libro del participante](#) taught by TBD.



*El Curso básico de Ministerios de servicio laico está diseñado para ser una experiencia de capacitación introductoria para el nuevo liderato de la iglesia, y a la vez, representa una experiencia de renovación para líderes que llevan tiempo al servicio de la Iglesia Metodista Unida. Este curso explora: Los dones espirituales personales; El liderazgo servidor; El papel o rol de cada líder de formar futuros líderes; La importancia de las prácticas espirituales constantes; Los ministerios principales de liderazgo, cuidado y comunicación, Y mucho más. El Curso básico puede ser enseñado tanto a personas adultas como a jóvenes. El mismo consiste de 5 sesiones; dos horas de duración cada sesión. Este curso puede ser utilizado en los siguientes contextos de enseñanza: un estudio de corta duración para grupos pequeños, clases de la escuela bíblica dominical y clases para nuevos miembros.*

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**CLASS 2:** [Leading Worship - Worshiping with United Methodists](#) taught by TBA.



*Drawing upon five basic principles, the author explains the formative nature of worship and how it can revitalize persons' lives. These principles are: God's Word is primary; active congregational participation is crucial; spontaneity and order are both important; worship should be relevant and inclusive; and worship is communion. Explains basic resources for planning and leading worship. Gives the basic pattern of UM worship and its origins. Gives practical suggestions on how to renew and revitalize worship. Helps pastors be effective leaders in planning and revitalizing worship. Helps pastors understand and communicate the uniqueness of UM worship. Helps pastors lead their congregation into a deeper and richer experience of God through worship.*

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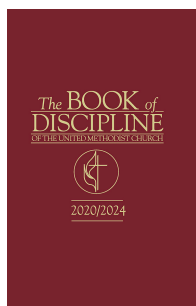
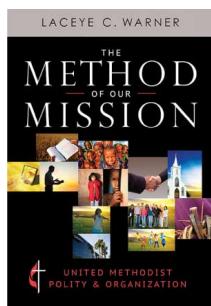
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**CLASS 3:** [UM Polity - Method of our Mission](#) taught by TBA using the NEW 2024 Book of Discipline.



*Theology shapes who we are and how we organize to transform the world. Especially written for required United Methodist classes, this accessible book uses a Wesleyan theological frame—connection—to help readers understand United Methodism's polity and organization as the interrelationship of our beliefs, mission, and practice.*

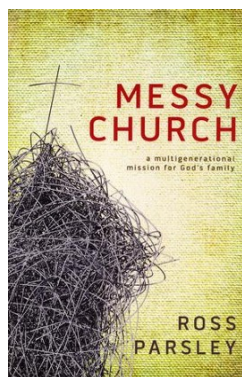
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**CLASS 4:** [Fresh Expressions A New Kind of Methodist Church For People Not In Church](#) taught by TBA.



*A wave of new Christian churches are emerging to reach unchurched and dechurched people who live in a culture that is increasingly non-religious and multi-religious. These new forms of church gather and network with people who typically have never been to church. The new faith communities listen to people and go where they are on the journey toward Jesus. They are deeply ecumenical but do not lose their distinctiveness because they learn fresh ways to communicate their identity through discipleship.*

[FX Messy Church: A Multigenerational Mission for God's Family:](#)



*God created the church to be a family not a corporation. How can we fulfill his vision? Showing how to build a true community, Parsley offers practical, biblically based guidance to help you provide a place where each person is known, loved, protected, and accepted—and where everybody's deepest needs are met.*

This ten hour, life changing, course will provide credit as an advanced LSM course for recertification AND includes two additional hours of Messy Church immersion experiences led by our Conference FX cultivators and pioneers. There will be crafts, bubbles, laughter and FUN!

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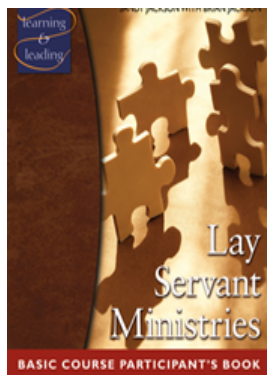
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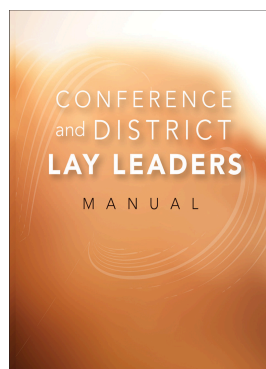
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**CLASS 1:** [Introduction to Basic Lay Servant Ministries](#) is an interactive, intergenerational course for youth and adults taught by TBA.



*"God calls you to a life of servanthood as a disciple of Jesus Christ. ...Lay Servant Ministries is the first step for many laypersons toward their faith journey as they strive for a closer relationship with the Lord," the authors write in the introduction. The Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course is a foundational course designed to equip new church leaders and renew current leaders in The United Methodist Church. It explores personal spiritual gifts, servant leadership, each leader's role in developing future leaders, the importance of consistent spiritual practices, the core ministries of Leading, Caring, and Communicating and much more.*

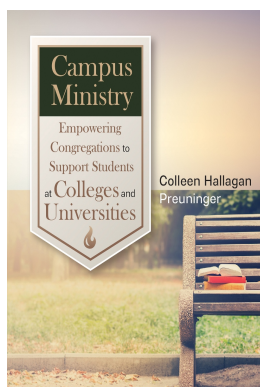


*The Basic Course can be used for both adults and youth. Consisting of five two-hour sessions, it may serve as a short-term study for small groups, Sunday school classes, and new member classes.*

*The Book of Discipline recommends that all lay leaders take this course. Additional book for Lay Leaders: [Conference and District Lay Leader's Manual](#)*

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**CLASS 2:** [Campus Ministry](#) - taught by TBA.



*This resource, written with the intention to support a new Lay Servant Ministries course, will give readers a general understanding of the developmental needs of the 18- to 26-year-old demographic in the United States; general categories of institutions of higher learning; basic structures for campus ministries and offices of spiritual and religious life on college or university campuses; a framework to discern how United Methodist congregations may be called to serve students in their local context; and tools to begin bridging the administrative structures at the institution of higher learning in question to gain appropriate access to students.*

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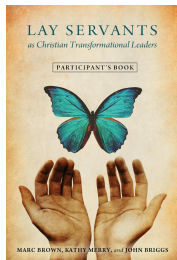
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**CLASS 3:** [Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders](#) taught by [Marty McGee](#).



*Building on the congregational strategic planning resource, "Does Your Church Have a Prayer?" this Participant's Book will guide Lay Servants seeking to be more empowered to lead their congregations toward vitality. Written with two distinct purposes, Lay Servants as Christian Transformational Leaders will first define the three disciplines of Christian transformational leadership and the four qualities of Christian transformational leaders.*

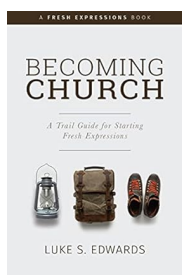
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**CLASS 4:** [Fresh Expressions A New Kind of Methodist Church For People Not In Church](#) taught by [Sharon White](#).



*A wave of new Christian churches are emerging to reach unchurched and dechurched people who live in a culture that is increasingly non-religious and multi-religious. These new forms of church gather and network with people who typically have never been to church. The new faith communities listen to people and go where they are on the journey toward Jesus. They are deeply ecumenical but do not lose their distinctiveness because they learn fresh ways to communicate their identity through discipleship.*

[Becoming Church: A Trail Guide for Starting Fresh Expressions](#)



*As the religious landscape of North America changes, churches find themselves in a rugged wilderness on the outskirts of culture. At the same time, a movement is emerging from the missional edges of our oldest denominations and is working its way through the church as a whole. Thousands of fresh expressions of church are gathering with their post-Christian neighbors, embarking on a journey to follow Jesus together. In these pages you will discover a way through the wilderness, a lightly worn path walked by everyday people who are building communities and becoming church.*

This ten hour, life changing, course will provide credit as an advanced LSM course for recertification AND includes two additional hours of FX immersion experiences led by North Georgia Conference FX Cultivator, Sharon White, who mentors and coaches FX pioneers to become the church outside the walls of their buildings by helping them build relationships with the unchurched people in their communities. These FX simulations will be FUN, engaging, and shared with other LSM class participants.

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CLASS 5: [La evangelización transformadora](#) taught by TBA



*El evangelismo tiene que ver con nuestra relación con Dios y con las personas con las que entramos en contacto a diario. Este curso enlaza el testimonio con la formación espiritual, llevando a las personas participantes a una mayor comprensión de la importancia del evangelismo para todas las personas involucradas. También incorpora ideas wesleyanas para un público del siglo XXI. La evangelización transformadora. La manera wesleyana de compartir la fe: Guía para el liderato se utiliza junto con el recurso La evangelización transformadora de Henry H. Knight III y F. Douglas Powe Jr.*