

Certified Lay Servant Checklist

Certified lay servants are to be active, supporting, and professing members of a local congregation. They should desire to serve the Church and know and be committed to Scripture and the doctrine, heritage, organization, and life of The United Methodist Church. Along with all disciples, they are called to be in mission and ministry in every aspect of their life: home, workplace, community, leisure activities, local congregations, and the world. (see *2016 Discipline* ¶266)

INITIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Applied to and obtained recommendation from the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church in which he or she holds membership.
- Completed the Lay Servant Ministries BASIC course.
- Completed a Lay Servant Ministries advanced course.
- Applied to and had qualifications reviewed by the district lay ministry team.

ANNUAL RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS:

- Submitted a renewal application to the charge conference or church council giving evidence of satisfactory performance as a certified lay servant.
- Obtained recommendation for renewal from the pastor and the church council or charge conference of the local church in which he or she holds membership.
- Completed a Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years

AREAS OF SERVICE:

Completing the above equips certified lay servants to serve the local church, district, and conference in ways in which his or her witness, leadership, and service inspires others to a deeper commitment to Christ and more effective discipleship. Through continued study and training, they assist and support the mission and ministries of the church.

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