

MAP TO CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY

The listed courses can be taken in any order and will be offered online and in-person. Each course varies in length.

LAUNCHING LAY MINISTRY

These courses are for persons who want to deepen their understanding and response to God's call to ministry as a lay person and build skills to minister or lead in the local church. They are also pre-requisites for becoming Certified Pulpit Supply.

TAKE THESE COURSES

- Ministry of All Believers (formerly Basic) (in-person, online, on-demand)
- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality (online)
- Discipleship Coaching (on-demand)
- Spiritual Gifts (on-demand with follow-up conversation)



EQUIPPING + GROWING

For laity seeking to grow and develop your own skills, we recommend taking any class that interests you as a starting point. Online and in-person courses can be found at www.moumethodist.org/layeducation or see our on-demand courses that are available on our online learning platform.



CERTIFIED PULPIT SUPPLY

For laypersons seeking to grow further in their understanding of and skills for ministry and/or become prepared to provide pulpit supply.

TAKE THESE COURSES

- Leading Worship and Corporate Prayer
- Preaching
- Biblical Interpretation
- United Methodist Theology and Heritage

UPON COURSEWORK COMPLETION

- Interview with Lay Ministry Team
- Receive Certified Pulpit Supply certification
- Complete a log reflecting on all preaching experiences to submit with annual report



FOR CERTIFICATION RENEWAL

- Complete interview
- Complete educational goal, determined during your interview, which may include a course, mentoring or coaching



CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER

These courses are open for continuing one's journey in ministry in addition to being the requirements for anyone who is experiencing a call to preach and lead a congregation as a lay person.

BEFORE BEGINNING COURSES

- Complete requirements to receive Certified Pulpit Supply certificate
- Talk with your pastor about your call discernment
- Write your call story
- Share your written call story and interview with your local church's PPR/Church Leadership Team for recommendation

TAKE THESE COURSES

- United Methodist Polity
- Faith Sharing
- Congregational Care
- Strategic Ministry Planning

UPON COURSEWORK COMPLETION

- Interview regarding call and interest in local church assignment
- Receive Certified Lay Ministry certification

