

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.

GETTING STARTED

If you are new to church leadership, United Methodism or just want to learn more, this is a great place to start! We believe all are called to serve, and each of us has a set of God-given gifts and talents that are needed to build God's kingdom on earth.

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.

Live, online and in-person courses can be found at moumethodist.org/layeducation.

On-demand courses are available at moumethodist.org/absorb.



DIGGING DEEPER

The courses in this column are meant to help laity delve into church history, what the denomination believes and how to better understand the Bible. If you want to deliver a message, there are courses on leading worship, corporate prayer and preaching.

TAKE THESE COURSES

- Leading Worship and Corporate Prayer
- Preaching
- Biblical Interpretation
- UMC Theology and Heritage



CERTIFIED PULPIT SUPPLY

A layperson who is Certified Pulpit Supply helps fill pulpits by giving a sermon when a regularly assigned pastor is on vacation or by offering sermons on a rotational basis for a church.

Upon completing the courses listed in the first two columns, an interview is necessary to be considered for this status.

Learn more about the process to certification at moumethodist.org/certified-pulpit-supply.

CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER

A Certified Lay Minister is a layperson who feels called to lead a congregation and possesses the gifts, like preaching, to do so. Those seeking CLM status are required to complete a set of tasks after completing the other courses listed on this flowsheet. To receive this status, complete the first two columns of coursework and the classes and requirements listed below.

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
- Upon approval, receive Certified Lay Ministry certification