Peninsula-Delaware Lay Servant Academy Registration – Spring 2022

Dancing with Words (Thursday Evenings 4/28/2022, 5/5/2022, 5/12/2022, 5/19/2022, 5/26/2022) Available by Zoom Only

This Advanced Lay Servant course focuses on the ministry of the Lay Servant who regularly or occasionally practices public speaking. Story telling is a learned skill; for many, however, the only story telling instruction they ever receive is in reading a good book. This course helps the Lay Servant explore what constitutes a good story, discover storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their own experiences.

Living Our Beliefs (Thursday Evenings 4/21/2022, 4/28/2022, 5/5/2022, 5/12/2022, 5/19/2022) *Available by Zoom Only*

This Advanced Lay Servant course focuses on reclaiming the balance of John Wesley's wisdom between cultivating Christian life and our witness. While keeping alive Wesley's emphasis on experiencing the grace and forgiving love of God, Lay Servants <u>also</u> have a vital role maintaining our witness to holiness and discipleship that Wesley assigned to instruction in Christian beliefs and participation in spiritual disciplines. "Living Our Beliefs" is an essential and <u>required</u> Advanced Course for every Certified Lay Servant in the Peninsula-Delaware Conference of The United Methodist Church.

Social Principles (Thursday Evenings 4/28/2022, 5/5/2022, 5/12/2022, 5/19/2022, 5/26/2022) Available by Zoom Only

This Advanced Lay Servant course is designed to help the Lay Servant examine their own theology and ethics as related to Social Principles such as restorative practices and traumainformed education as related to the school-to-prison pipeline; women's issues and the social principles; environmental justice and climate change; holistic health issues and the social principles; and ministry to the formerly-incarcerated as reflected in the social principles. This specific course begins on April 28th and runs through May 26th on the Zoom platform, Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

The Sacraments (Sunday Afternoons 4/24/2022, 5/1/2022, 5/8/2022, 5/15/2022, 5/22/2022) *Available by Zoom Only*

This Advanced Lay Servant course is designed to help the Lay Servant examine and deepen their experience of Holy Communion, baptism, confirmation, and reaffirmation of baptism, through the wide-ranging study of scripture, church history, United Methodist theology and the practices of the sacraments.

Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Group Bible Studies Available by Zoom Only (Thursday Evenings 4/28/2022, 5/5/2022, 5/12/2022, 5/19/2022, 5/26/2022)

This Advanced Lay Servant course is designed to help the Lay Servant teach Biblical faith, the by applying the tools for biblical study to explore scripture, perform historical studies of scripture texts, experience praying the scriptures, and practice teaching in small groups of supportive colleagues.

Registration Link: <u>https://forms.gle/6rYVJGKPsSim9mJC7</u>

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