



Lay Servant Ministries
Annual Report for Year 2016
Dakotas Conference of the United Methodist Conference

Name _____ **District** _____

Address _____ **City** _____

State _____ **Zip** _____ **Phone** _____ **Church** _____

Email Address _____

___ **Yes** ___ **No** **OK to publish my e-mail and phone # in the Dakotas Conference Journal?**

___ **New** ___ **Renewal**

___ **Certified Lay Servant**

1. Pastor and charge conference approval
2. Complete the Ministry Discernment Retreat (or Basic LSM course pre-2014)
3. File annual report
4. Complete advanced course every three years

___ **Interested in obtaining Designated Preaching Specialization**

1. Must first be a Certified Lay Servant. The DPS status would place your name on an area preaching list that would be distributed to clergy
2. Requires additional steps such as interviews with District leaders, posting a sermon video to an online Dakotas conference site, & further preaching courses
3. If you mark that you are interested, you will be contacted upon receipt of form

___ **Certified Lay Minister**

1. Attend Ministry Discernment Retreat
2. Submit call statement of interest to District Superintendent for approval
3. Pastor and charge conference approval
4. Complete certification as a Lay Servant (by taking advanced course)
5. Complete required training (Modules 2-4)
6. Endorsement by appropriate DCom (District Committee on Ordained Ministry)
7. File annual report w/ documentation of 10 hrs. Of continuing education annually



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Name of Last Course taken _____ Year _____

MINISTRIES OF THE CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT/CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER:

Please recount your activity this past year as part of the Lay Servant Ministries. Include the number of worship services you have led, teaching/speaking/leadership opportunities; whether you are serving on committees or boards in your church, district, conference or local community agencies; and other caring ministries, such as visitation, volunteer in mission or other ways in which you have extended the ministry of the church:

PERSONAL/SPIRITUAL GROWTH:

What has helped you this past year to grow in your faith, improve your understanding of scripture? The United Methodist Church, or to improve your skills as part of the Lay Servant Ministries? (Please include bible studies, books read, seminars, workshops, etc.)

What recommendations can you give to the Lay Servant Ministries program in the Dakotas? Conference that would help us make you more effective as a Certified Lay Servant Leader or Certified Lay Minister?



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1. I request recommendation of my pastor and church council or charge conference to begin/renew certification as identified above.

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

2. The church council and/or charge conference and I recommend approval of this application for certification/re-certification of this Lay Servant Leader.

Pastor's signature _____ Date _____

PLEASE KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR FILES AND RETURN THE ORIGINAL COPY TO:

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