



Sandra Combs and Jack Hott

Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries (Basic Course)

Instructors: Sandra Combs, Certified Lay Speaker, Jack Hott, Certified Lay Minister

Sandra Combs is a **Certified Lay Speaker** who is also an Award-winning Storyteller, Inspirational Speaker, three-time published Author, Women's Retreat Facilitator and President & CEO of 2 Build Community, LLC. She loves finding ways to build community with others through the power of shared stories and faith journeys, recognizing God's active hand in our daily lives. You can learn more about Sandra on her website at www.2buildcommunity.com.

Jack Hott is a **Certified Lay Minister**. He serves as Lay Leader at First United Methodist Church of Springboro. Jack is also on the Great Miami River District Lay Servant Ministry Committee, the District Committee on Ordained Ministry, and is Vice-President of the Methodist Historical Society of Ohio.



Bill Callery, Jim Graham and Suzan Graham

Lay Pastoral Care Giving

Instructors: William Callery, Certified Lay Servant, Jim Graham, Certified Lay Speaker and Suzan Graham, Certified Lay Speaker

William Callery, Jr., Certified Lay Servant, member of Northern Hills United Methodist Church and serving as Lay Officer, member of Staff/Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, and Administrative Board. Also serving as a member of GMD Lay Servant Ministries Team and Vice President of Great Miami River District Mission Foundation.

James A. "Jim" Graham is a **Certified Lay Speaker** and previously served a Licensed Local Pastor while living in Western Pennsylvania. He has served in various church roles and committees to include elementary Sunday School teacher, Small Group Leader, Christian Education Director, Children's Church teacher, Kid's Club leader, adult Sunday School teacher, Outreach Committee, Prayer Leader, delegate to annual conference, Lay Leader, Admin Council, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, and Lay Pastoral Care Team Leader.

Suzan Graham, Certified Lay Speaker

While living in Pa I was an active Lay Servant in the WPA conference of the UMC. Upon moving to Dayton, my husband (Jim) and I continued to be active in many ministries at a local disaffiliated congregation. I was the children's Ministry director and took all the classes to become a Certified Lay Speaker here in Oh. My passion is helping people of any age learn more about Jesus.



Jayne Lash and Glen Lash

Public Prayer

Instructors: Jayne and Glen Lash, Certified Lay Ministers

Jayne and Glen Lash are both **Certified Lay Ministers**, serving together as co-pastors of Elizabethtown UMC. They have both found this course to be helpful in learning to lead prayer in public settings and have enjoyed helping others learn this skill in four previous sessions.

Remember, even if you have completed the Basic Course and all of the Core Courses, you need to take an Advanced Course every 3 years as part of maintaining your certification. Not sure what you need next? Contact Glen Lash, Chair, GMD Lay Servant Ministries Committee at grlash1015@gmail.com.





Lay Ministry
Lay Ministry is the work of mission or ministry to which each believer is called. As Christians we are all called to this ministry or priesthood – not just clergy. Each of us has a responsibility to proclaim the Good News and reach out to others in love.



Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries (Basic Course)

This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. This Basic Course is the first step for those seeking certification as Lay Servants.

Course consist of 5 sessions

- Tuesday - July 23
- Thursday - July 25
- Sunday, July 28
- Tuesday, July 30
- Thursday, August 1

Time: 6:30–8:30 PM for each session

Hybrid fashion –

Location: Centerville, Ohio in person or Zoom

Text: (responsibility of the student to obtain)

Lay Servant Ministries, Participant's Book (Basic Course)

By: Sandra Jackson, Brian Jackson

Available at Amazon.com, Cokesbury.com and store.upperroom.org/

Registration: westohioumc.org – events
 Cost:\$15.00

Lay Pastoral Care Giving

The purpose of this course is to equip laity for the task of providing care for persons in the congregation who are experiencing life-changing events. Participants will be introduced to the concepts of lay pastoral care, which includes discussion and demonstration of appropriate interactions and responses in various care giving situations.

Course consist of 5 sessions

- Sunday - August 18
- Tuesday - August 20
- Thursday - August 22
- Sunday - August 25
- Tuesday - August 27

Time: 6:30–8:30 PM for each session

Location: Zoom

Text: (responsibility of the student to obtain)

Lay Pastoral Care Giving

By: Timothy M. Farabaugh

Available at Amazon.com, Cokesbury.com and store.upperroom.org/

Registration: westohioumc.org – events
 Cost:\$15.00

Zoom links will be emailed to registered participants.

Public Prayer

Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something one learns. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life.

This course is for anyone who leads prayer in worship, meetings, small groups, retreats, etc., whether involved in Lay Servant Ministry or not. It is an Advanced Lay Servant Ministry class for those becoming or renewing as a Certified Lay Servant.

It is a required course for those seeking to become a Certified Lay Speaker.

Course consist of 5 sessions

- Sunday - September 8
- Tuesday - September 10
- Wednesday - September 11
- Sunday - September 15
- Tuesday - September 17

Time: 6:30–8:30 PM for each session

Location: Zoom

Text: (responsibility of the student to obtain)

Shaping the Prayers of the People: The Art of Intercession

Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher

Available at Amazon.com and Cokesbury.com

Registration: westohioumc.org – events
 Cost:\$15.00