

# Valley Ridge District Lay Servant Ministry Training 2023

The Valley Ridge District Lay Servant Ministry Board has planned three learning events in 2023. Lay Servants and Lay Speakers as well as anyone in church leadership are invited to participate at one or all of the locations. General information about Lay Servant Ministry can be found at: <https://vaumc.org/lay-servant-ministries/>

- **Cost to attend in person is \$15 and includes lunch and refreshments**
- **There is no cost to attend online**
- **A book may be required for some courses- participants will be responsible for purchasing those prior to the course date (technical assistance in purchasing books is available through the district office)**
- **Within 24 hours of completion of registration you should receive a confirmation email with information specific to your course (including links to purchase any books), and instructions regarding payment.**

**At this time only registrations for the March 4 event are being accepted:**

**Saturday, March 4** at [Fishersville UMC](#) from 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The Basic Course, Spiritual Gifts (Advanced Course), and Preaching (Advance Course) will be offered. The Basic Course will be taught in a hybrid (in-person and online) format.

Additional proposed LSM training opportunities are being scheduled as follows:

**Saturday, May 20** at [First UMC](#) in Salem from 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

United Methodist Heritage (Advance Course), Connecting With Your Community (Advance Course), and Leading Prayer (Advance Course)

**Saturday, August 5** (in the Covington/Clifton Forge area) from 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM Basic Course, Leading Worship (Advance Course), and UM Polity (Advance Course)

Please contact Cindy Martin, Valley Ridge District Director of Communications and Programming, for registration assistance or with questions specific to this training. [CindyMartin@vaumc.org](mailto:CindyMartin@vaumc.org)

\* Required

1. Name (First and Last) \*

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2. Email Address \*

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3. Church (include city or town for example: Trinity, Lexington or Central, Salem) \*

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4. District

*Mark only one oval.*

Valley Ridge District

Coastal Virginia

Living Waters

Mission Rivers

Mountain View

Northern Virginia

Shenandoah River

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5. I am registering for: \*

*Mark only one oval.*

Basic Course (hybrid in person)

Basic Course (hybrid online)

Preaching -Advance Course (in person)

Spiritual Gifts -Advance Course (in person)

6. I am currently serving as a: (check all that apply) \*

*Check all that apply.*

- Local Church or District Leader
- Certified Lay Servant
- Certified Lay Speaker
- Other

7. Please share any dietary or special needs you would like us to be aware of.

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8. What else would you like to share with the Lay Servant Ministry team to support your work in the local church and beyond (including course suggestions, training platforms and locations).

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