



Lay Servant Minister Basic Course, South Thomaston UMC

Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 and April 1 – 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

(Note: The 5th Saturday will be a make-up session for those having to miss one class.)

Course Description: “God calls you to a life of servant hood as a disciple of Jesus Christ. ... Lay Servant Ministries is the first step for many laypersons toward their faith journey as they strive for a closer relationship with the Lord,” the authors write in the introduction. This course is the foundation for all the other Learning & Leading courses. In this course you are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended. Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders... This course offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader and in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life. The *Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course* is a foundational course designed to equip new church leaders and renew current leaders in The United Methodist Church. The Basic Course can be used for both adults and youth. It may serve as a short-term study for small groups, Sunday school classes, and new member classes.

Instructor: Rev. George Darling

Required Text: *Lay Servant Ministries, Basic Course*, Sandy Zeigler Jackson and Brian Jackson - ISBN: 9780881776263

Once you have registered, contact Crystal Darling at 975-1198 for a copy of the book. Please read the material in Session 1 before the first class.

Course fee: \$25. To register and for more information, contact Rev. George Darling , geodarling@roadrunner.com, or (207) 426-9277. **Register by February 28** - Please complete form and send with \$25. Please make check out to New England Conference UMC and on the memo line write: Basic LSM-S. Thomaston. ***If cost is prohibitive, check with your church – some churches and Districts have scholarships available.***

Please send completed forms to: Rev. George Darling, 761 Hill Rd., Clinton, ME 04927.



REGISTRATION – Please complete by February 28, 2017

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PRINT CLEARLY – THANK YOU

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

As you prayerfully consider taking this course, please meet and discuss with your pastor. UMC pastor’s approval is required for participants:

Pastor’s Name: _____ (please print)

Pastor’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Is this your first Lay Minister or Lay Speaker Course? ___ Yes ___ No, If no, please list previous courses and dates:
_____ (continue on back if necessary)