



Do you want to

- † **Enrich your spiritual life?**
- † **Discover your spiritual gifts?**
- † **Find a special ministry for your talents?**
- † **Lead your church in new ways?**

Then the district Lay Speaking course is for you!

The NY/CT District Basic Lay Speaker Ministry Course for 2006 prepares laity to provide a ministry of caring, leadership, and communicate God's word.

According to our Methodist Book of Discipline, a lay speaker is a professing member of a local church or charge conference who is ready to take the next step on their spiritual journey as it leads to spiritual development and service.

All lay people, whether you are a Lay Leader, worship leader or just have a passion for learning, don't miss this life-changing opportunity to expand your vision for ministry and energize your church.

The program includes classes on Planning and Developing a Sermon, Teaching and Preaching the Old and New Testaments, Healing Ministry, Discerning Spiritual Gifts, How to Pray, Methodist History, Interactive Preaching, Methodist Doctrine and Polity, and Evangelism. Most classes are led by clergy. You will receive instruction and mentoring by both clergy and lay people, who are all passionate about this program.

This program will change your life and empower you to be a dynamic disciple of Jesus. Don't wait! Sign up today.

Location: Jesse Lee Memorial UMC in Ridgefield, CT

Time: 8:30am to 3:45 pm Cost: \$35

Dates: The program is six sessions long, running Jan. 14, Jan. 28, Feb. 11, Feb. 25, Mar. 11 and Mar. 25

To Register: call or email Deborah Moore, Co-chairperson, at (914) 276-7848 or MacMaiden@optonline.net or Elaine Winward at (914) 669-5264 or ewinward@earthlink.net or obtain a registration form from your pastor.