



- ✚ How is your spiritual life?
- ✚ Do you know your spiritual gifts?
- ✚ Is there a ministry for your talents?
- ✚ Is the Spirit moving you in new directions?

## Sign up for the **Basic Lay Speaking Course!**

The Connecticut District Lay Speaker Ministry Course prepares laity to provide a ministry of Caring, Leading, and Communicating God's word. This course is for all lay people to open new doors for ministry and energize your church.

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."

The program includes classes on Planning and Developing a Sermon, Teaching and Preaching the Old and New Testaments, Public Speaking, Healing Ministry (in the Methodist tradition), Discerning Spiritual Gifts, How to Pray, Methodist History, Interactive Preaching Styles, Methodist Doctrine and Polity, and Evangelism. You will receive instruction and mentoring from people who are very passionate about this wonderful life-changing program.

Not everyone who takes this course is being called by God to preach from the pulpit, but everyone in the class can benefit from learning how a worship service evolves and how Caring, Leading and Communicating are the action parts of John Wesley's three simple rules: **Do no harm, Do good and Love the Lord with your whole heart.**

Six Saturdays from 8:30 am to 3:45 pm  
September 19 & 26; October 3, 17 & 31; November 7

Location: First UMC of Shelton 188 Rocky Rest Road Shelton, CT  
Cost: \$35.00 (Deduct \$5 if traveling over 20 miles)

You may bring a lunch or donate \$5 each week for pizza and salad.

**Please make your registration check payable to The Connecticut District and send to the District Office, 20 Broadfield Road, Hamden, CT 06517.**

This program will empower you to be a better and more confident disciple of Jesus. Just ask any lay speaker who has taken it!

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**\*\*\*\*\* NEW THIS YEAR: Local and Certified Lay Speakers may sign up for individual courses for re-certification hours. Class Schedule will be posted in early September. Cost is \$10 per course.**