

## Our Journey Through Lay Speaking

The first step in the lay speaking process is getting approval from the pastor and church charge conference. Next step is completing the Basic Course, after which you are a qualified **Local Church Lay Speaker** and ready for advance courses. To maintain status as a **Local Church Lay Speaker** an Advanced course must be taken within three years. If status lapses, a Basic Refresher Course is necessary for reinstatement. Having completed the Basic Course you are ready to become a **Certified Lay Speaker** which involves, again, obtaining approval from your pastor and Charge Conference, then taking an Advance Course. To maintain status as a **Certified Lay Speaker** an Advanced course must be taken within three years. If status lapses, a Re-certification Course is necessary for reinstatement. Lay speakers have many opportunities to witness for Jesus Christ, putting their faith into action.

### 2009 Schedule

[Dates listed below reflect Sunday Sessions]

September 20, 2009 Orientation

3:00pm until 6:00pm

September 27 through November 1

2:30pm until 6:00pm

Consecration Sunday November 8

3:00pm Location

Community United Methodist Church

11160 Olive St., Romulus

Register early by submitting your application

### Coming 2010

**Youth Lay Speaking  
All Week-end Journey**

**Hispanic Lay Speaking  
Course**

## DETROIT WEST DISTRICT of the UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

# 2009

*"...be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is...."*

*Romans 12:2*



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District Web Site

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LaySpeaking.html](http://www.gb gm-umc.org/detroitwest/LaySpeaking.html)

## Detroit Lay Speakers Serving by

**Leading**—accepting privilege and responsibility: serving on local church, district and conference programs; helping design and facilitate ministries within the church and community; Sunday School, developing study groups on social issues.

**Caring**—meeting needs of the soul: sharing love of Jesus Christ through service in homeless ministries, health care facilities, shut-ins, one-on-one care, mission trips, crisis ministry, clothing/food pantries, counseling, visitation and hospitality, youth groups, Meals on Wheels, etc.

**Communicating**—sharing Good News of God's saving grace through Jesus Christ: leading Bible studies, prayer ministries, youth and children's groups, evening worship services, community programs, retirement centers vespers, prison ministries, filling pulpits, making disciples for Jesus Christ.

Speaking for the CCLSM we believe God has called us *"to train Christians in skilled servant work, working within Christ's body, the church, until we're all moving rhythmically and easily with each other, efficient and graceful in response to God's Son..."* (Ephesians 4:12, The Message)

We have consecrated over 300 Lay Speakers from our program and currently maintain a roster of 68 Active Certified Lay Speakers

Check us out on the District Web site  
<http://www.gb gm-umc.org/detroitwest/LaySpeaking.html>