

Lay Speaking Ministries is about discovering God's

## LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES

purpose in your life and then developing your talents so that you can do the thing God is calling you to do, whether it is in the local community or halfway around the world. Lay Speaking provides an opportunity and channel for dedicated Christians to serve in a special way in their congregations. If you are a Local Church Lay Leader, **The Book of Discipline recommends that all Lay Leaders become Lay Speakers.**

In order to become a Certified Lay Speaker (CLS), you must complete the Basic Course and One Advanced Course (CLS). Once a CLS, you must complete another advanced course every three (3) years to continue your certification. If you fail to do this you will be classified as a Local Church Lay Speaker. **ALL** Lay Speakers must complete an annual report of all your activities each year. These reports will be included in your Pastor's Charge Conference package. Make sure you get/keep a copy.

### SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 3, 2012

7:30 am. - 8:00	Registration/Breakfast
8:00 am- 8:10	Welcome/Devotion
8:15 am-11:30	Classes
11:30-12:15	Lunch (on your own)
12:15-4:30 pm	Classes
4:40	Conclusion & Covenant

\* Registration: \$30.00 per person\*

Please **register early** to ensure that you have a place, and have time to complete the assignment.



### Lay Speaking Ministries School Meridian District

College Park UMC  
1103 Highway 19 North  
Meridian, MS

For more information contact Sarah King at the  
Meridian District Office  
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MERIDIAN DISTRICT  
LAY SPEAKING SCHOOL  
2012

Open Hearts  
Open Minds  
Open Doors

March 3, 2012

*Lay Speaking School will be held at*

College Park UMC  
1103 Highway 19 North  
Meridian, MS

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Due by February 17, 2012**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Evening or Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_ Charge: \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Basic Course is required prior to taking Advanced Courses**

**Course: (Check One)**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Basic Lay Speaking Course**

**Advanced Courses** ( If this your first Advance Course, we strongly encourage you to take Methodism 101)

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lay Speakers Preach**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Methodism 101—Lay Speakers Interpret To Others Our United Methodist Heritage**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lay Speakers Lead Christian Small-Groups**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Lay Speakers Tell Stories**

**Please make checks payable to Meridian District UMC**

**Mail to**

**Sarah King , 6210 Hwy 39 North, Meridian, MS 39305**

**Please *DO NOT* make checks out to Sarah King or mail registration form to College Park Church**

## Basic Lay Speaking

**Leaders: Rev. Cynthia Cross, Pastor of Haven Chapel-St Mark and Rev. Lynne Anderson, Associate Pastor Pleasant Grove and instructor at Meridian Community College**

-First step in Lay Speaking Ministries.

-Lay Speaking provides an opportunity and channel for dedicated Christians to serve in a special way in their congregations and their communities.

-Provides a broad theological base and introduces basic skills for communication, caring, and leading.

## Advanced Courses

### **Lay Speakers Tell Stories**

**Leader: Rev. Kathy Price**

**Pastor of Desoto Charge**

You will learn what constitutes a good story

-Discover your storytelling styles

-Learn the techniques of effective storytelling

- Practice creating stories from your own experiences

### **Methodism 101: Lay Speakers Interpret to Others Our United Methodist Heritage**

**Leader: Rev. Owen Gordon,  
Pastor of the DeKalb Circuit**

*This course will help participants gain:*

- An understanding of the distinctive traditions of the United Methodist Church.

-A better understanding of what it means to be a United Methodist

## **Lay Speakers You Can Preach!**

**Leader: Rev. Billy Owen**  
**District Superintendent, Meridian District**

-- This course is designed for lay leaders

- and anyone else who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence

## **Lay Speakers Lead Christian Small-Groups**

**Leader: Cynthia Willis**  
**Certified Lay Leader, teacher Northeast Elementary School, member St. Peter UMC**

-You will learn to identify the roles you play as leaders of small groups

- You will understand the power your leadership can have in transforming Christian lives



**Because we are only doing a one day school , it is very important that you register by the due date. Your book, along with a required assignment will be mailed to you as soon as we receive your registration. REGISTER EARLY**