

Lay Speaking Ministries 2008 Annual Report Packet

IMPORTANT – Please Read

This packet contains important items for immediate distribution:

- Please distribute copies of the annual lay speaking report to EACH and every lay speaker at your church. Only Lay Speakers for whom we have completed forms will be recognized at the annual district meeting.
- Be sure to schedule an appointment to discuss the collaborative sections of the report and obtain signatures as required.

Your lay speakers are expecting that you give serious attention to the content of the form as it represents their spiritual journey and plans for the next year.

This form serves several purposes

- It provides both the lay speaker and church leadership with a review of the past year's activities so that you can discuss and evaluate whether the lay speaker's activities are helping them to grow in their spiritual path. Identify next steps to consider.
- It acts as a request for renewal as either a local or certified lay speaker (if you are not sure which one you are – please read the 2004 Book of Discipline – Chapter One, Section XI 'Lay Speaking Ministries' 267-270 "Lay Speaking.
268 Local Lay Speaker(now must take a refresher course at least once every 3 Years)
269 Certified Lay Speaker(must total at least one full credit of **LSM** course at least every 3 years-note some classes are worth on partial credit – e.g. 3-.5)
251-f – Recommendation for the Lay Leader to be Certified.
247 –3, 11 Reporting at the Church Charge Conference.
 - It provides the District Lay Speaking Committee with administrative information such as the current contact information, LS activities, and topics of information feed back.
 - Additional information is available on the Conference Lay Speaking Ministries Web Site. www.gbgm-umc/nylayspeakersite

If you have any questions about this report, the Lay Speaking Ministries Course, or would like us to know specifics about ideas, exciting things that you are doing, or problems that you are having as a Lay Speaker, please contact your District Director of Lay Speaking Ministries:
Or Conference Director, Peter O'Neill @ poppa@optonline.net - 631-750-3488.

We are always looking for photographs of lay speakers in action!

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The Lay Speaker should complete this request form in accordance with the requirements set forth in the United Methodist Church Book of Discipline

To be presented to the District Superintendent (or designated substitute) at the Church's Annual Charge Conference. If not presented at the Conference, please have your pastor and the Chairperson of the Church Council sign the form and mail it to the District Committee on Lay Speaking at the District office address. The only Lay Speakers to be recognized are those for whom we receive their annual report.

Please print clearly- attach additional pages if more space is needed.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

Lay Speakers Name: _____

Church where you are a member: _____

Home Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____

e-mail address: _____

Has any of the above information changed since your last report? No: _____ Yes: _____

Recommendation to the District Lay Speaker Committee:

LAY SPEAKER'S REQUEST FOR RENEWAL:

I request recommendation by the Church Charge Conference or Church Council of my church

For renewal as ___ Local Church or ___ Certified Lay Speaker

(and I'm up to date with my course requirement - see page 3)

Lay Speakers Signature _____ *Date* _____

PASTOR REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATION:

I have reviewed and discussed this report with the Lay Speaker and therefore recommend certification for the next year. Please verify that the lay speaker meets the requirements of their local or certified LS request.

Pastor's Signiture _____ *Date* _____

CHURCH RECOMMENDATION:

If approved at Charge Conference:

Charge Conference:

_____ *Date* _____

(Signature of District Superintendent, otherwise the Chairperson of Church Council)

(If approved after the Charge Conference, sign and mail to your District Office)

RENEWAL ACTION BY THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON LAY SPEAKING:

Upon review, this request should be renewed as:)__local church lay speaker or __certified Lay Speaker.

(signed) _____
(date) Chair(s), District Committee on Lay Speaking Ministry)

e) Briefly describe any other ministry work that you have done outside of your local church
(Includes mission, evangelism, community involvement, work place, anywhere that you touched the lives of others)

f) What advanced lay speaker training course subjects or support would help you?
(Please indicate at least three things that you would like to get out of the session):

How has the lay speaker course/advanced courses helped you in ministry, mission, or spiritual path?

FEEDBACK FROM THE LAY SPEAKER

g) Do you think that you had adequate opportunity to serve as a lay speaker?
_____Not Enough _____ Enough/OK _____ I could be used a lot more
Your suggestions about how you could be more effectively used in the life of the Church:

FOR LOCAL CHURCH LAY SPEAKERS ONLY:

To be qualified as a Local Church lay Speaker you are required to complete at least one approved five-hour course of instruction every three years. Indicate below which classes you have taken to fulfill this requirement.
Date(s) attended _____
Where? _____
Name of Course(s) or subject? _____

FOR CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKERS ONLY:

To be qualified as a Certified Lay Speaker, you are required to take at least one approved Advanced Lay Speaker class every three years. Indicate below which classes and the appropriate credit you have taken to fulfill this requirement.
In what year did you last attend an approved Advanced Lay Speaker Class? _____
Where? _____
What was the name of the course(s) or Subject? _____

Official, published Advanced Lay Speaker courses are recommended for obtaining credit; however list any PRE-APPROVED activity by the District LS Committee (attach copy of the authorizing email)

Certified Lay Speaker Ministry beyond the Local Church:
What is the number of times that you preached in other churches this year? _____
Where? _____
