

**2023 CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE** *Page 1 of 2*

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Initial Application</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Request for Renewal</b>
Name <i>(please print)</i>	Telephone
Address	City/State/Zip
Email	Name of District
Name of Church	

**SECTION II: STATUS OF THE LAY SERVANT**

**Choose one:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Initial Certification as a Certified Lay Servant
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Renewal as a Certified Lay Servant (An advanced class must be completed at least every three (3) years.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Requesting Renewal as a Certified Lay Speaker (Approval must be granted from the Conference Committee on Lay Servant Ministry and approved courses must be complete in the following areas: Spiritual Gifts, Leading Public Prayer, Leading Worship, UM Polity, UM History, Preaching)

Please complete the following information. Attach an additional sheet if needed.  
 Approved classes are listed in the LSM Course Catalog or approved in advance by the district coordinator.

COURSE TYPE	COURSE (Name of book)	DATE COMPLETED	LOCATION	FACILITATOR
BASIC	Introduction to Lay Servant Ministries			
ADVANCED				
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**SECTION III: REQUEST OF THE LAY SERVANT**

I request the recommendation of my pastor and my church council/charge conference to begin/renew as a Certified Lay Servant for the ensuing year.

<b>Lay Servant signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**SECTION IV: RECOMMENDATION OF THE PASTOR**

I recommend concurrence with the request of this person to begin/renew as a Certified Lay Servant for the ensuing year.

<b>Pastor signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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**SECTION V: RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL/CHARGE CONFERENCE**

The church council/charge conference of \_\_\_\_\_ *(church/charge)* recommends the above person begin/renew as a Certified Lay Servant for the ensuing year.

<b>Church Council signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
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Name:

**SECTION VI: MINISTRIES BY THE LAY SERVANT**

During the past year, I have participated in **caring ministries** by:

volunteering in a care-giving institution such as a hospital or nursing home; or caring for a shut-in

providing one-on-one caring

membership/evangelism visitation

serving in caring/outreach projects (food pantry, prison ministry, etc)

other caring activities (*please list*)

During the past year, I have participated in **leading ministries** by:

serving as a member of a committee, board, commission, council, task force, etc.

volunteering at a community agency

leading at my local church

leading beyond my local church

leading in my District \_\_\_ Conference \_\_\_ Jurisdiction \_\_\_ General Church level

other leading activities (*please list*)

During the past year I have participated in **communicating ministries** by:

bringing message in \_\_\_ worship services

serving as worship leader in \_\_\_ services

delivering \_\_\_ devotional messages

teaching \_\_\_ classes

sharing my faith story \_\_\_ times

other speaking activities (*please list*)

During the past year I have participated in the following additional opportunities for ministry (*attach additional page if needed*)

**SECTION VII: PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY THE LAY SERVANT**

In what activities have you engaged and/or what books have you read or used during the past year to help you develop your devotional life; improve your understanding of the Bible; improve your understanding of The United Methodist Church; and to improve your skills in caring, leading, communicating and speaking?

**SECTION VIII: FEEDBACK BY THE LAY SERVANT**

1. Do you feel called to be in service in any area of ministry, either in the church or outside the church, in which you are not currently involved? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, please list those areas below.

2. What additional training or support do you need or would suggest to further your ministry?

3. Give any recommendations for improving Lay Servant Ministries in your District or Conference.

**Note: District directors are encouraged to respond to any comment within this section.**