

Conference Lay Minister (CLayM) Program



The Conference Lay Minister Program was developed by the California-Nevada Conference to strengthen the ministries of churches that are unable to support a salaried pastor. The program serves as an extended form of the Lay Speaking Program [Para. 205 (4), 2004 Book of Discipline]. Currently 10 United Methodist churches in three districts and one church in another denomination are being served by Conference Lay Ministers.

A Conference Lay Minister

is a lay person who:

- Is mature in his or her faith, and has a strong self-image and good people skills;
- Is experienced in the workings of the United Methodist Church;
- Is willing to serve as a volunteer (without salary), doing everything in pastoral ministry – except administering the Sacraments and providing counseling;
- Feels called and can afford to apply a significant period of time and his or her leadership abilities to a local church;
- Has been approved by his or her District Superintendent for the Conference Lay Minister Training course;
- Has completed the two-week Conference Lay Minister Training course;
- Has completed basic training as a local lay speaker;
- Has been assigned to serve a church by a District Superintendent.

Conference Lay Minister Training

is two weeks of training that provides ministry tools and an understanding of pastoral tasks.

The first week of training is November 8-12, 2010 and the second is the week is January 17-21, 2011.

The training includes:

The opportunity to discern one's call and to determine the workability and suitability of serving as a Conference Lay Minister.

Plus

- Bible Course Work
- Basics of United Methodism
- Christian Education
- Church Administration
- Community Involvement
- Preaching and Worship



A graduate of Conference Lay Minister Training may be placed in a pool of CLayM graduates from which Conference Lay Ministers are selected by District Superintendents for assignment to a church.

Other CLayM graduates may choose to remain in their present church, using their newly acquired skills to broaden and deepen their ministry in their local church.

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