

LET'S DANCE! ...with Words

Northern Waters District Lay Servant Advanced Class
May 5, 12, and 19, 2022 6:30 pm—9:00 pm

Dancing with Words with author Ray Buckley as leader Storytelling as Legacy, Culture, and Faith

For people of faith, storytelling has special meaning. We are people of the story, and we seek to identify and share our stories in nearly everything we do.

Dancing with Words provides help for all church leaders — both clergy and lay — to explore the history and importance of storytelling in faith development and to acquire basic storytelling skills. You will soon discover ways that storytelling enhances ministry.

Storytelling at its best is an interaction between storyteller and story listener. It is a relationship between the speaker and the listener that may best be described not as a "telling" but as sharing — storysharing. The vehicle is the story, but the experience can be as engaging as an intimate conversation.

In *Dancing with Words* you will discover that storytelling can enable hearers to view history, values, culture, faith, life lessons, and other critical elements in ways that may be easily assimilated in memory. Through an understanding of the history of storytelling and of storytellers as keepers of beliefs, traditions, history, and values, you will:

- find new meaning in the stories and the storytellers of the Bible and of the Christian faith
- learn what makes a good story
- discover your own style as a storyteller
- learn the techniques of effective storytelling
- practice creating stories from your own experience

The class will be held via Zoom

Register with District Executive Assistant, Jill Haney: 231.947.5281 or jhaney@michiganumc.org

Class cost is \$10. per person

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<https://bookstore.upperroom.org/Products/DR407/dancing-with-words.aspx>

