



Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course

Native American Emphasis

Oscoda and Oscoda Indian Mission
United Methodist Churches

October 21-22, 2022; Noon Friday – 2 p.m. Saturday

The Basic Lay Servant Ministries course is designed to equip new leaders and renew current leaders through understanding of Leadership, Caring, and Communication. Participants in the course will discuss how each of these characteristics mesh with their own personal spiritual gifts and how these are expressed in our lives. The basic course helps us *discern God's call, our spiritual leadership, caring for one another, ways we communicate, and how we share these ideas with the world.*

In tribal cultures, these threads of understanding are woven into every breath of life and have generational understanding. In addition to the standard United Methodist curriculum, this class will discuss how each of these ideas are expressed in native culture. We will learn together, teach each other, and listen for truths.

Each student is asked to bring an item of personal spiritual significance and be prepared to share the story of how the item came to you or if you created it yourself, and why it spoke to you to bring it. What lesson does it teach you and how does it influence your walk?

In addition, students should have a copy of the Lay Servant Ministries Basic Course Participant's Book, by Sandy Jackson, available at www.cokesbury.com for \$8.99

Friday

Arrive and lunch
Opening Circle our uniqueness and collective purpose
Our stories
Who is a leader?
Travel to Indian Mission church – 15 minutes
Supper and vespers at fire circle
Examples of caring

Saturday

Breakfast and devotions
Music, Language, Listening, Teaching
Expressions of experience by example
Lunch
Closing Circle

There is no cost to register, but donations for food expenses are welcome.

To register, call Oscoda United Methodist Church 989-739-8591

or email: oscodaumc@gmail.com. Please provide the participant's name, address, city, phone, email, and the name, address, and pastor's name and phone for registrant's church.

This class is intended for persons with Native heritage, those who serve in Native churches, or for those with interest and respect for learning in native ways. Non-Native persons may attend with an open and receptive heart.

Pastor Pam Harkema is a fully credentialed licensed local pastor serving the Oscoda Indian Mission and Oscoda United Methodist Church, and served two multi-point charges in Wisconsin prior to moving to Michigan Conference in 2021. She graduated from the Native American Course of Study in August 2020 and currently serves on the school's board of directors as the alumni representative. Pastor Pam has received the name Crow's Heart.