



Western Waters District Lay Servant Ministries Presents...

Spring Retreat

April 25-26, 2025

Cadillac United Methodist Church

Registration: Friday 4:30 p.m. | **Send-off:** Saturday 4:30 p.m.

Registration Cost: \$30 (includes two meals and snacks)

Class Descriptions:

INTRODUCTION TO LAY MINISTRY: THE BASIC COURSE **Sara Wolfson, Instructor**

This course is foundational for all courses in Lay Servant Ministries. Participants are encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. INSTRUCTOR: Sara Wolfson, Certified Lay Speaker, Fremont UMC.

ADVANCED COURSE: POLITY **Pastor Jeff Swainston and Jody Pratt, Instructors**

This course gives participants an overview of the structure and organization of the United Methodist Church and is a required class for those seeking Lay Speaker Certification. INSTRUCTORS: Pastor Jeff Swainston, Manton UMC and Jody Pratt, Certified Lay Speaker, Middleville UMC.

ADVANCED COURSE: SOUL RESET **Pastor Julie Lawhead, Instructor**

This course helps participants discover the power of rest through practices that create spiritual wholeness. Beyond toxic cultures and "idols" of busyness, distraction, and consumption at the root of so much of our anxiety and dis-ease, Rev. Dotson invites course participants to find their rest in the healing nearness of Jesus Christ. INSTRUCTOR: Pastor Julie Lawhead, Harrietta and Grant UMC.

Lay Servant classes are open to anyone regardless of the district in which your church resides.
Questions? Please contact Sara Wolfson at saraw1104@gmail.com or (231) 830-4092.

Tentative Schedule:

Friday:

4:30 p.m. Registration and Opening Worship
5-6:30 p.m. Class Session 1
6:30-7 p.m. Dinner and Q&A Time
7-8:30 p.m. Class Session 2

Saturday:

9 a.m. Opening Worship
9:30-12 p.m. Class Session 3
12-12:30 p.m. Lunch and Q&A Time
12:30-3:30 p.m. Class Session 4
3:30 p.m. Break
4 p.m. Closing Worship and Send-off

Overnight Accommodations:

Lodging is available at Comfort Inn of Cadillac, (231) 779-2900.

Western Waters District Lay Servant Ministries 2025 Spring Retreat Registration Form

One form per student, please.

Name: _____

Church: _____

Address: _____ Phone: (____) _____

_____ Email: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Class Choice (choose one):

- Basic Course (*ideal for new students*)
- Advanced Course: Polity (*required for Lay Speaker Certification*)
- Advanced Course: Soul Reset

DEADLINE: April 12, 2025.

Class size is limited. Registrations are taken on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Return this form with payment (check payable to "Western Waters District Treasurer") to:

Sara Wolfsen
7476 W. Orchard Circle
Fremont, MI 49412

Or register online at www.michiganumc.org.

A registration confirmation will be emailed to you with a link to order your book.