

LAY SPEAKER'S ANNUAL REPORT

CONFERENCE/THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT OF THE LAY SPEAKER TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE

Initial Application or Request for Renewal

This report covers the 12-month period from _____ to _____
(either January-December or from last to current charge conference)

(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

PART 1. DATA ON THE LAY SPEAKER

Name _____ Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Name of District _____

E-Mail Address? _____

Name of Church _____ United Methodist Church

Address _____

Church Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Telephone _____ Work Telephone _____

Church Telephone _____

PART 2. STATUS OF THE LAY SPEAKER

I am applying to BEGIN as a-

certified lay speaker local church lay speaker

I have have NOT completed the basic training course for lay speakers.

I have have NOT completed an advanced course for lay speakers.

(Renewal applicants must also complete other side of this form.)

I am applying for RENEWAL as a-

certified lay speaker local church lay speaker

What year did you complete the LAST advanced course you took? _____

What was the TITLE of the LAST advanced course you took?

PART 3. REQUEST OF THE LAY SPEAKER

I hereby request recommendation of my pastor and my charge conference to begin or renew as a certified lay speaker local church lay speaker for the ensuing year.

(Date)

(signed) _____
(Lay Speaker)

PART 4. RECOMMENDATION OF THE PASTOR

I recommend concurrence with the request of this lay speaker to begin or renew as a certified lay speaker local church lay speaker for the ensuing year.

(Date)

(signed) _____
(Pastor)

PART 5. CHARGE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATION

The charge conference of the _____ (church or charge) recommends that the above lay speaker begin or renew as a certified lay speaker local church lay speaker for the ensuing year.

(Date)

(signed) _____
(District Superintendent)

PART 6. ACTION BY THE DISTRICT COMMITTEE ON LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES

This application to begin or be renewed as a certified lay speaker local church lay speaker within the _____ District of the _____ Conference is approved disapproved for the ensuing year.

(Date)

(signed) _____
(Chair, District Committee on Lay Speaking Ministries)

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PART 7. MINISTRIES BY THE LAY SPEAKER

During the past year I have participated in these ministry opportunities:

- served as MEMBER of committee, board commission, council, task force
 - at my local church (what) _____
 - beyond my local church:
 - in my district (what) _____
 - in my conference (what) _____
 - in my jurisdiction (what) _____
 - at the general church level (what) _____
- served as CHAIR of committee, boards, task force (what) _____
- served as a volunteer at a community agency (what) _____
- served as a volunteer in a care giving institution (what) _____
- provided one-on-one caring:
 - at a hospital, at a nursing home, or to a shut-in
 - in membership/evangelism visitation
 - other: _____
- provided leadership in caring/outreach projects (such as a food pantry, prison ministry, Society of St. Stephen) (what) _____
- _____
- taught classes (what, how many) _____
- served as a worship leader in services (how many) _____
- delivered devotional messages (where, how many) _____
- preached in worship services (where, how many) _____

Additional opportunities for leading, caring, and communicating ministries participated in by the lay speaker (describe opportunity and your part in it): _____

PART 8. PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY THE LAY SPEAKER

In what activities have you engaged and/or what books have you read and 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 improve your skills in leading, caring, and communicating?

PART 9. FEEDBACK BY THE LAY SPEAKER

Do you believe that you have had adequate opportunity for service as a lay speaker this past year? Yes No

(If No, please explain) _____

What additional training or support do you need? _____

Give any recommendations you have for improving the Lay Speaking Ministries in your district or annual conference: _____

