

Certified Lay Servant/Speaker Report

This report covers the 12 month period from last Church Conference: 09/11/20 - 09/17/2021

Name: Mike Maples

Church: Middletown UMC (5043)

District: Northern Shore

I am applying to renew my status as a Certified Lay Servant ¶266.2

Date: 2011 Completion Basic Lay Servant Course

Date: 2014 Year of last Certified Lay Servant Course
(Advanced Lay Servant, Robert Penrose)

During the last year, I have participated in Caring ministries by providing one-on-one caring as follows:

- ❖ At a hospital/nursing home/to shut-ins
- ❖ Served in caring/outreach projects (food pantry; prison ministry, etc.)
- ❖ Assisting UMC Community in the Adirondacks

During the last year, I have participated in Leading ministries as follows:

- ❖ Served at my local church: Assisted in developing local security plan, assisted with worship

During the last year, have participated in Communication ministries as follows:

- ❖ Delivered sermon during worship service: 0
- ❖ Delivered devotional messages: 0
- ❖ Delivered children's sermon: 0
- ❖ Served as worship leader: 5
- ❖ Taught Bible Study class: 0
- ❖ Lead prayer group or accountability group: 0
- ❖ Additional ministry opportunities: volunteer firefighter, chaplain for fire department, assisted UMC Community in the Adirondacks

What books have you read or 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 caring, leading and communication?:

- ❖ Daily Upper Room devotions
- ❖ Various devotions with my wife
- ❖ In addition to reading the Bible myself, I read the NIV Action Study Bible with my grandson
- ❖ Study guides from Educational Opportunities Tours in preparation for our Holy Land trip in November 2019 (greatly enhanced by Rev. Derrick Doherty's meetings with all participants)
- ❖ Zoom Devotions

Do you believe you have had adequate opportunity for service as a Lay Servant this year? Yes

What additional training or support do you need or would like to suggest?

Willing to take or teach classes

I hereby request recommendation by my pastor and my charge to begin/renew as a certified lay servant.

09/17/2021

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This report covers the 12 month period from last Church Conference: 09/11/20 - 09/14/21

Name: Joe Spinelli

Church: Middletown UMC (5043)

District: Northern Shore

I am applying to renew my status as a Certified Lay Servant ¶266.2 and Certified Lay Speaker ¶267.2

Date: 1994

Completion Basic Lay Servant Course

Date: 2021

Year of last Certified Lay Servant Course

(Transforming Evangelism: Northern Shore, Zimmerman,

beadisciple.org)

Date: 2021

Year of last advanced Certified Lay Speaker Course

(Transforming Evangelism: Northern Shore, Zimmerman, Be A Disciple

Train)

During the last year, I have participated in Caring ministries by providing one-on-one caring as follows:

- ❖ At a hospital/nursing home/to shut-ins
- ❖ Served in caring/outreach projects (food pantry; prison ministry, etc.)
- ❖ Other Caring activities that I have participated in this past year:
 - Developed "DOORSTEP" Visitors program to reach out during COVID-19, maintained video "connection" for congregation through COVID shutdowns. Built and strengthened relationships with a few people who are experiencing "rough waters"

During the last year, I have participated in Leading ministries as follows:

- ❖ Served as a member of a committee/board/commission/council/task force, etc.: Board of Trustees, Social Media Livestreaming
- ❖ Served as a volunteer at a community agency: Family Promise of Monmouth County, NAMI crisis counselor
- ❖ Served at my local church: worked with others to enhance livestreaming experience on Facebook of worship services and outreach to online visitors; created Church By Phone for those who just want to call in to hear devotions and Sunday sermons
- ❖ Served in my local District: not as of yet

During the last year, have participated in Communication ministries as follows:

- ❖ Delivered sermon during worship service: 0
- ❖ Delivered devotional messages: 0
- ❖ Delivered children's sermon: 0
- ❖ Served as worship leader: 0
- ❖ Taught Bible Study class: 0
- ❖ Lead prayer group or accountability group: 0
- ❖ Other communicating activities: 0
- ❖ Additional ministry opportunities you participated in: Connected with others across the country to create skills development formats and models for use by local churches to lessen the impact of change from oil based to more green sourced energy.

What books have you read or 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 caring, leading and communication?:

- ❖ The Cost of Discipleship, Making Radical Disciples. Transforming Evangelism, Everywhere You Look-Discovering the Church Right Where You Are, The New Parish,

Know What You Believe, Not God Enough, When Christians Were Jews, Interrupting Silence

Do you believe you have had adequate opportunity for service as a Lay Servant this year? Yes

What additional training or support do you need or would like to suggest? More local training

How can Lay Servant ministries be improved in your District or Conference? More local classes

I hereby request recommendation by my pastor & my charge to begin/renew as a certified lay servant and certified lay speaker.

09/14/2021