

Certified Lay Servant/Speaker Report

This report covers the 12 month period from last Church Conference: 09/17/21 - 09/01/2022

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District: Raritan 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:

- ❖ In membership/evangelism visitation(s)
- ❖ Assisting UMC Community in the Adirondacks

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:
Leadership Committee
- ❖ Served as a volunteer at a community agency: volunteer fireman-chaplain
- ❖ Served at my local church: helped develop the UMC Middletown golf club; assisted with worship February and August 2022

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

- ❖ Delivered sermon during worship service: 8
- ❖ Delivered devotional messages: 0
- ❖ Delivered children's sermon: 5
- ❖ Served as worship leader: 5
- ❖ Taught Bible Study class: 0
- ❖ Lead prayer group or accountability group: 0
- ❖ Additional ministry opportunities: helped accident victims & survivors

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
- ❖ The Bible with my wife and grandson
- ❖ Various online devotionals: Guideposts; DaySpring; Faith Gateway Hymnals

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.

09/01/2022

Certified Lay Servant/Speaker Report

This report covers the 12 month period from last Church Conference: 09/14/21 - 09/04/22

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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: 2022 Year of last Certified Lay Servant Course

(Leading Bible Study: Biblical Interpretation: Raritan Shore, Zimmerman, beadisciple.org)

Date: 2022 Year of last advanced Certified Lay Speaker Course

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

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

- ❖ In membership/evangelism visitation(s)
- ❖ 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"
 - Final ministry of the deceased and family

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, new worship design targeting those who have never found a use for a church
- ❖ 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: 1
- ❖ Delivered devotional messages: 2
- ❖ Delivered children's sermon: 1
- ❖ Served as worship leader: 2
- ❖ Taught Bible Study class: 0
- ❖ Lead prayer group or accountability group: 0
- ❖ Other communicating activities: developing a digital communications team of younger faces/outlooks
- ❖ 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. Have grown this into several areas of the US where change is revealing the weakness of traditional economies. Over 1600 people have been helped to transition from

joblessness or skill sets that are no longer valuable into being part of the immense machine that makes our current technology run. Lives are being changed quietly and in ways that will have lasting impacts.

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?:

❖ Biblical Interpretation, Battling Guns

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.

09/04/2022