Thanks to the Conference and District Directors (and their team) who furnish information for this, your newsletter! Read and share “The Servant” newsletter. Register for the Conference LSM Event. Send in your Lay Servant story to your District Director. **Deadline for next newsletter February 15th.**

If you are receiving this via regular mail sent a special thank you to our Conference LSM Director, Pat Hogan! Wishing each of you a very happy and healthy 2018!

Love and hugs,

Donna Johnson, Editor  email: DonnaJ73995@gmail.com

---

**Save The Date!!**

February 24, 2018

California—Pacific Conference Lay Servant Ministries Event

See brochure in this newsletter—Registration form available: calpacumc.org/lsm

---

**Inside this issue:**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>Page</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Conference Director of LSM</td>
<td>2</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSM Keynote Speaker &amp; Info</td>
<td>3</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>LSM 2018 Event/Registration</td>
<td>4, 5</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Dates and Information</td>
<td>7, 8</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Highlighting Lay Servants</td>
<td>6, 9</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>BeADisciple Information</td>
<td>10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Online LSM classes</td>
<td>11</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2018 LS Report to CC – Guide</td>
<td>12</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
From the desk of: Pat Hogan  
California-Pacific Conference  
Lay Servant Ministries Director

YOU ASKED - ANSWERS TO CLM QUESTIONS

Answers were affirmed by Bishop Grand Hagiya

Questions regarding the CLM training program
Will the old Lay Ministry Academy graduates be able to pursue the CLM program without any further classes or certification in the new program? Yes.

We do strongly encourage graduates to attend the basic foundations course and courses that were not covered in the original program through the current CLM training. However, if they completed everything, they can apply for CLM status

Will credit for old LMA classes be allowed for those who have not graduated? Would there be a timeframe? We will look at this individually, but the old program doesn’t necessarily match the new courses offered. We definitely want folks to take the new material/topics.

Do the classes in the new CLM program have to be taken in the order presented?
No, they can be taken in any order.

Will credit from Discipleship Ministries online modules be allowed for CLM candidates? Can they be substituted for one or more of Cal Pac CLM classes? Yes, definitely.

Will the 2016 Book of Discipline requirements to be a Certified Lay Servant apply to those seeking to become CLMs? That requirement is to take the Basic Lay Servant class and one Advanced Lay Servant class before entering the CLM program. Yes, we must follow the Book of Discipline’s requirements.

Concerns that need to be addressed to strengthen the LSM program
District Boards of Ordained Ministry need to be uniform in determining CLM certification. They need to use the same format for reviews. This is under the authority of the Board of Ordained Ministry, and we will work on coordinating this with BOM and DCOMs

District Superintendents need to be aware that only one report (Lay Servant, Lay Speaker or CLM) needs to be filed by an individual. Bishop Hagiya will share with the Cabinet.

Information noted:
1. Lay SPEAKER status is not required to seek CLM certification.
2. LSM Directors Committee has voted to retain Local Lay Servant status for the next three years and encourage them to obtain Certification as Certified Lay Servant.

Blessings, Pat
pathogan2@verizon.net
Look What’s Coming

On February 24, 2018 Lay Servant Ministries will host their annual Lay Servant event titled “FORWARD TOGETHER” featuring communications – one of the goals of our ministry, This year we are privileged to have with us

Keynote Speaker Rev. Steve Horswill-Johnston

Steve is a four-time Emmy-winning communications executive currently Chief Communications Officer for Discipleship Ministries in Nashville Tennessee. He crafted the theme “Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors” for the United Methodist Church and currently produces “Chuck Knows Church”. He has produced 16 national network commercials. Steve worked on the CBS television series “Simon & Simon” and co-produced and co-wrote BECOMING JESSE TATE, a faith-based feature. He also produced and directed RUNNING BACK TO FORWARD, an Emmy award-winning short film. In addition to his keynote address Steve will host a workshop.

Also included in our event are three other workshops:
1. Many Cultures - One Gospel
   Rev. Frank Wulf, Leader
2. Event-based Print and Digital Evangelism presented by James J. Kang
3. Telling Our Story offered by Local Licensed Pastor Stephanie Rice

All of these workshops are designed to look at how we communicate both within the church and with others who are not churched.

We hope you will be present to experience “Forward Together” with us.
Many Cultures - One Gospel

Rev. Frank Wulf

This workshop will explore how we communicate the gospel in ways that transcend and honor the cultural, generational, linguistic, and theological differences that we encounter in our diverse Church. We will make use of biblical, theological, and sociological tools to learn how to communicate and cooperate in the service of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Rev. Frank Wulf is pastor of Echo Park United Methodist Church, a multi-cultural/multi-generational congregation in downtown Los Angeles. He was formerly pastor of the United University Church, a union congregation of the United Methodist Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA). He has also served as the United Methodist Campus Minister and Wesley Foundation Director at U.C.L.A.

Chuck Knows Church:
How I Almost Failed to Reach 1 Million People
Steve Horswill-Johnston

Participants will learn how to implement six communications principles to change church culture in order to engage those we are trying to reach. Steve will share 20 years of hard lessons learned while leading three successful, yet very dissimilar campaigns. He will share the background, failures, lessons learned and principles established. His lessons learned can be used by all of us.

Steve Horswill-Johnston developed “Chuck Knows Church”, the most successful series in our denomination’s history. He currently serves as Communications Officer for Discipleship Ministries in Nashville, Tennessee.

Telling Our Story

Local Licensed Pastor Stephanie Rice

This workshop will focus on how we communicate who we are as United Methodists and how we interact with the world. With an emphasis on a Wesleyan understanding of grace, we will learn how we tell our own stories to others, especially those who are different from us.

Pastor Stephanie Rice is appointed to the La Mirada United Methodist Church, where she lives with her husband Adam and their two cats Meatball and Biscuits and their dog Peanut. Pastor Stephanie also serves as the Director of the Writing & Speech Center at Claremont School of Theology.

Event–based Print and Digital Evangelism

James J. Kang

This workshop will offer three concrete plans for repurposing church facilities as well as programs to be in ministry with those who might never have been inside a church building before.

James J. Kang is the Director of Communications of the California Pacific Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, where his responsibilities include public relations, branding, media production, and training. Along with being an alumni of Claremont School of Theology, he has been blessed to be in ministry with African-Americans in Compton, Asian-Americans in the Inland Empire and Anglo-Americans in Orange County.
REGISTRATION FORM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE:
February 15, 2018
REGISTER EARLY: $40.00 LATE: $45.00
Fee includes lunch
REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE AT
calpacumc.org/lsm_or
mail this form with your check payable to
California Pacific Annual Conference
to
Cal-Pac Annual Conference
Attention: Registrar
2018 Lay Servant Ministries Event
P.O. Box 6006
Pasadena, California 91102-6006

PLEASE PRINT
Name_________________________________
Address________________________________
City/Zip code:___________________________
Phone number:__________________________
E-mail:________________________________
Local Church:___________________________
District:_______________________________
Dietary Requests________________________
Special assistance needed_________________

Choice of Class (check two)
O James Kang
O Frank Wulf
O Stephanie Rice
O Steve Horswill-Johnston
Being legally blind I have had a very sheltered life. But then the day came that I was introduced to the United Methodist church in Moreno Valley, Ca. A friend of mine took me to the church for a woman’s function. It was not just me that went that Saturday afternoon. My Guide Dog, Hamlet, also went to the church with me. I was nervous, it was unfamiliar area for me. Also, I did not know how Hamlet would be accepted. This turned into the greatest experience I have ever had with others worshiping God. Hamlet and I were seated up front so that I could see everything. We were seated next to a very beautiful lady. She had her make up perfect and not a hair out of place. Unlike me with jeans and a t-shirt. Hamlet took to the gal that I sat next to, she loved him. She and I are still very good friends today. Then the day came that Pat Hogan invited me to attend a class to learn how to be a Lay Servant. I tried to back out, but between Pat and my hubby I was talked into going to class. Class was great, Hamlet and I were both accepted and loved. Now I have attended several classes. I have learned that this whole thing from beginning to now has been God’s plan. When I stand up front and read Scripture, I do not read out of the Bible. The words are on a sheet of paper in large print. They are the same words that are in the Bible. Through the classes and church God has been talking to me and guiding me down the right road to do his work. I am so glad that I was introduced to the United Methodist Church in Moreno Valley, Ca. I know that my journey is not over. God has more jobs for me and Hamlet.
DID YOU KNOW???

Lay Servants were originally called Exhorters. (Exhort means to encourage.) They were charged with holding meetings for prayer and exhortation whenever the opportunity afforded, subject to the direction of the pastor or circuit rider. The duties of the Exhorter were to conduct services of worship, to hold meetings for prayer and exhortation, whenever the opportunity was afforded, and to attend District and Quarterly Conferences. Each office was subject to an annual examination, and an annual renewal of certificate. These offices were established to prevent "silent pulpits."
The West District LSM
Latest Happenings

The instructions for the new way to turn in LSM reports are on page 10, but no form is included as report must be filled out and submitted online. Reports are automatically generated when you hit the submit button.
https://calpacumc.formstack.com/forms/2018_16_layservantreport

There are no classes scheduled in West District at present. I bring to your attention the Conference LSM Event to be held February 24, 2018.

Thanks to Bill Lazarte for sharing a “piece of his” Lay Servant journey. We would like to highlight others. Please email information (200-250 words) with a photo to me for inclusion in an upcoming issue of “The Servant.”

Peace,

Dave

David O. Johnson
Co-Director Lay Servant Ministries
West District California-Pacific Annual Conference
DaveOJ1@aol.com c/ 562-544-9919
West District—One Lay Servant’s Journey
William “Bill” Lazarte

Some thirteen years ago I decided to take the Lay Speaking Class offered by the Long Beach District (now West District) mainly because it was being held in my local church. Little did I know that my self-serving decision would change me and my Christian journey. Speaking in front of a congregation was not new to me, I have done it several times before. But although I love sharing my witness, I had one problem: nerves. When I was to speak before an audience – from the time I get up in the morning; while getting dressed; driving to church; and right before standing at the lectern or pulpit – my throat seems to constrict and I start gagging (this is why I always have some lozenges or cough drops in my pockets).

I had hoped the Lay Speaking Class would help me get rid of my gagging attacks. It did not. But what it did was open my eyes to the many ways a lay person serves the people of God. I have learned a lot since that first class. Now Lay Speaking Ministries is more appropriately called Lay Servant Ministries because speaking is only one aspect of the ministry of the Lay Servant. As a Lay Servant I have been honored to serve in many different ways: as liturgist, as worship leader, as Bible Study leader just to name a few. Along the way I have also had the honor of preaching at closing worship service of the Annual Conference in 2006. Now also serve as a lay member on one of the conference boards.

Then the Lord said to Moses: “Who gives speech to mortals? Who makes them mute or deaf, seeing or blind? Is it not I, the Lord? Now go, and I will be with your mouth and teach you what you are to speak.” (Exodus 4: 11-12)

I know I am not even a shadow of Moses. But I still speak – not only in my local congregation, but also in congregations outside of my district. And yes, I still get the gagging attacks every time. But I would not have it any other way.

And to God alone be all honor and glory now and always.

Bill and Edith Lazarte with grandchildren
If you enrolled in a course in November, you may have noticed we have changed our enrollment system. Our currently enrolling courses are no longer accessible as a long list via the "Enroll" button on the menu bar at the top of the page; but you can still see every course currently enrolling on our Course Schedule.

To enroll in a course, visit its course description page and click the "Enroll Now" button at the bottom of the page to enroll directly into that particular course. Now the only password you’ll need to remember is your Blackboard password!

We would also like to take a moment to recognize those that have come back to take 5 or more courses with us in 2017.

Nathan Archey  
Bob Beaver  
Billie Jo Benson  
August Black  
Sharon Black  
Clayton Bowman  
Rosemary Bucher  
Sherry Dangremo  
Jennifer Debaun  
Eda Dorosky  
Dorcas Dunn  
Susan Faix  
Leigh Felton  
Joyce Franklin  
Patricia Graham  
Michael Hader  
Leora Jean Hall  
Dara Johnson  

Barbara Justis  
Carolyn Kidd  
Hershel Krigbaum  
Grace Leighton  
Lynn McCord  
Jamie McDowell  
Blaine Moore  
Ronald Oden  
Patricia Parfett  
Rick Ralls  
Barbara Roseman  
Thomas Senerchia  
Elaine Short  
Erna Snukis  
Janet Sykes  
Deborah White  
James Willis  
Jon Wooldridge

All of us at BeADisciple thank you for your drive for further education, and we sincerely hope we can continue to be a resource to you as you work toward your goals. We are planning many great courses for 2018!

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas,

Lisa Buffum  
Director of Online Education
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Instructor</th>
<th>Topic</th>
<th>Cost</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>01-22-18</td>
<td>Teach Adults</td>
<td>Beth Perry</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$65.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02-05-18</td>
<td>Leading Public Prayer</td>
<td>John Zimmerman</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$70.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Living Our United Methodist Beliefs (Heritage course)</td>
<td>Beth Galbreath</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$70.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Your Ministry of Leading</td>
<td>Daniel Benedikt</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$85.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Worship 101</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02-05-18</td>
<td>Your Ministry of Leading</td>
<td>Beth Perry</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$65.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Biblical Interpretation</td>
<td>Beth Galbreath</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$65.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Biblical Interpretation</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02-12-18</td>
<td>Leading Bible Study; Biblical Interpretation</td>
<td>Beth Perry</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$65.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Bible Study</td>
<td>Beth Galbreath</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$50.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Bible Study</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02-15-18</td>
<td>Children of Abraham</td>
<td>Beth Galbreath</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$65.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Lent</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02-19-18</td>
<td>Come to the Table</td>
<td>Beth Galbreath</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$70.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>02-26-18</td>
<td>Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (Polity course)</td>
<td>Beth Galbreath</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$70.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts</td>
<td>Beth Perry</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$65.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Come to the Waters</td>
<td>Beth Galbreath</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$65.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Come to the Waters</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>03-05-18</td>
<td>Biblical Storytelling I</td>
<td>Beth Galbreath</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$80.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Biblical Storytelling II</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>04-02-18</td>
<td>Biblical Storytelling I</td>
<td>Beth Galbreath</td>
<td>Lay Servant Ministries</td>
<td>$80.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>04-16-18</td>
<td>Biblical Storytelling II</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Lay Servant Report

Recommendation: This form must be completed and submitted in one sitting. It cannot be saved. We recommend composing answers to the longer questions in another document, then copying and pasting them into the windows below when submitting the form.

Instructions: This form can be considered as an initial application to begin as a local church Lay Servant or as a renewal for an existing Lay Servant. The form replaces any form provided to local church Lay Servants, certified Lay Servants, or Lay Speakers provided by Discipleship Ministries and includes all information collected on that form. Your form must be approved by the Charge Conference following online completion and signed by the District Superintendent. A signed copy should be kept with the Charge Conference book and retained by the Lay Servant. Upon submission, a copy of this form is automatically sent to

- You as the Lay Servant. This copy will include fields / space for charge conference and District Superintendent approval, as necessary for inclusion in the Charge Conference book.
- Pastor-in-charge at your church if you enter email address in the Pastor-In-Charge email field. You do not need to forward your copy to your pastor if this information is completed. This copy will include fields / space for charge conference and District Superintendent approval, as necessary for inclusion in the Charge Conference book.
- Church office email at your church if you enter email address in the Church Office email field. You do not need to forward your copy to your church office if this information is completed. This copy will include fields / space for charge conference and District Superintendent approval, as necessary for inclusion in the Charge Conference book.
- District Director of Lay Servant Ministries. You do not need to email your form separately to your District Director. S/he will receive it via email after you hit Submit at the bottom of this form. The District Coordinators are Pat Hogan (Interim, East), Winnie Ching (Hawaii), Rev. Garth Gilliam (North as Interim Coordinator), Bill Rockwell (South), and David Johnson (West).
- District Office. You do not need to email your form separately to your district office. The office will receive your form via email after you hit Submit at the bottom of this form.
- Conference Data Manager. A copy of the information submitted in the form below will be retained and attached to your church’s record for research and use by administrative functions of California-Pacific Conference and The United Methodist Church.
- The Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries Pat Hogan has access to and will receive all the Lay Servant reports but not one at a time. Information from your form will be provided in bulk to the director for her use.

If you complete this form but do not submit it through the online form, send a copy to Jennifer Gaylord, Data Manager, at jgaylord@calpacumc.org or PO Box 6006, Pasadena CA 91102-6006. For corrections, contact Jennifer Gaylord as above.

Here is the link: https://calpacumc.formstack.com/forms/2018_16_layservantreport