



Lay Speaking Ministries CT/WMA District Class Opportunities Summer 2009

Location: **First United Methodist Church
8 Church St., Stafford Springs, CT**
Dates: **Saturday, July 11 & 18, 2009**
Time: **9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.**
Registration deadline: **June 24, 2009**

Basic - - The Basic Course includes a study of what it means to be God's called people and how we may be at work for God in our own communities. The guide for this course is practical, including checklists, outlines, and step-by-step plans. Exercises draw on the individuals' personal experiences and on what they know about their communities. The course provides learning opportunities in three areas of service for lay speakers: leading, caring, and communicating.

Instructor: **Marvin Wilbur, Certified Lay Speaker**

Note: Students enrolling in the **Basic Lay Speaking class** are required to provide a letter of recommendation from their pastor and the chair of the Administrative Board of their church. In addition, they need to write a short essay stating their reasons for wanting to become a lay speaker.

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**Lay Speakers Preach** -- This course provides useful information to the lay speaker about the art of writing sermons. The lay speaker will receive information about resources available to research topics, interpret scripture, and writing interesting and inspiring sermons.

Instructor: **The Rev. Heidi Chamberland, District Superintendent**

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Lay Speakers Discover Spiritual Gifts -- This course focuses on acquiring a better understanding of the church and its ministry needs, learning what it means to be a minister; doing the work of Christ in the church and in the world; and being more fully equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.

Instructor: **George Button, Certified Lay Minister**

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**As noted on the registration form, your Pastors signature is required if you are attending an Advanced Class or Basic Class.**

"God is calling each of us to be witnesses who proclaim the presence and power of God through all that we are and all that we do," writes Gilbert and Zoller. "God has called you to witness to your faith in a variety of ways in the midst of a world that questions, doubts, and even (at times) ridicules. We celebrate with you God's call and your response — whatever form it takes!"

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Course Name (Circle one):

**Basic**

**Preach**

**Discover Spiritual Gifts**

Pastor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form along with any other information requested and a check for \$20.00 for Basic or \$30.00 for advanced classes (made out to New England Conference) before the course registration deadline to:

Lori Stacy  
P.O. Box 37  
Monson, MA 01057

Any questions contact Lori Stacy, District Director at (413) 267-3765, or email [lorimstacy@comcast.net](mailto:lorimstacy@comcast.net)

Lay Speaking Scholarship Application  
The CT/WMA District

It is the consensus of the Committee on Lay Speaking that personal or church finances should not be a barrier to anyone who would like to further their studies using the courses offered through the Lay Speaking Curriculum. Please fill out this form with your pastor's signature and return with your class registration.

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**NAME (First and Last)**

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**CHURCH NAME**

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**COURSE TITLE**

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**DATE OF COURSE**

A brief statement on why you are choosing to take this class:

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Your Signature

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Pastor's Signature