

THE EASTERN SHORE DISTRICT
COMMITTEE ON LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

November 2020 – August 2021 (District Conference to District Conference)

¶ 668 Districts are encouraged to create a district committee on Lay Servant Ministries related to the annual conference through the conference director of Lay Servant Ministries. There shall be a district director of Lay Servant Ministries filled in a manner determined by the district. The position shall be filled by a certified lay servant.

The Lay Servant Ministry on the Eastern Shore is an active committee whose purpose is to plan and supervise Lay Servant programs within the district. This committee's purpose is also to provide training for local church lay servants and advance courses for certified lay servants. Lay Servants can continue to grow in their ministry for broader service by taking a set of required courses to become a Lay Speaker, or a Certified Lay Minister.

The Eastern Shore District Lay Servant Ministry has provided (Basic and Advanced courses) over the past years. Currently, we have approximately 90 Certified Lay Servants with several of them pursuing the Lay Speaker's track. We are happy to say that we now have one Certified Lay Minister and one who has recently completed all the CLM (Certified Lay Minister) courses. The Eastern Shore is proud of the work this committee has done and continues to do to ensure our laity can be lifelong learners. We will always provide opportunities for the laity as well as pastors to grow and learn together through approved courses.

You just want to learn? You are always welcome to participate in any class just for the sake of learning.

What's Next? We will be offering 2 in-person sessions and one Zoom session that will be 10 contact hours in the Fall. Title: **Lay Servant Ministries: What are all the "L's"?** Lay Servant, Lay Speaker, Certified Lay Ministers. Look for more information coming soon.

If you have any questions about Lay Servant Ministries, please contact one of our committee members:

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