

## Information on Lay Servant Ministry Basic Online Class in Five Rivers District:

Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m. for 5 weeks. June 22-July 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Lay Servant Basic Course** (pre-requisite for other courses) Instructor: Jada Hodgson  
CLM and Marve' Ralston CLS. Class size: 15 participants

*Are you being led to do more? Often, we would love to do more if we just knew what our gifts are, and how to use them most efficiently to serve God and our church.*

This course is designed for participants to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended and to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in their discipleship. Fee will include book.

### Course objectives

**Week One:** Class begins *June 22<sup>nd</sup>*. What is the ministry of the baptized? Hear how we all can grow our lay ministry. Meet a very active certified Lay servant.

**Week Two:** *June 29<sup>th</sup>*, What does being a spiritual leader involve? Meet someone that began seeking just like you, and now pastors a two-point charge.

**Week Three:** *July 6<sup>th</sup>*, Are you called to a caring ministry? How can we care for people and creation and share that with others? Find resources to start a caring ministry at your church. Meet someone very involved in Lay Servant Ministry.

**Week Four:** *July 13<sup>th</sup>*, How can we best communicate God's message of love? Sharing your faith story with others. It does not have to be filling the pulpit, but it can be. Hear about training events available to you right now in the Great Plains Conference.

**Week Five:** *July 20<sup>th</sup>*, What is the Great Commission? How can we grow daily and live out our faith story? What does hospitality look like post pandemic? How will you respond to this course?

### Learning outcome

You will be ready to take more advanced courses, and as you do so, become a certified lay servant, certified lay speaker, or a certified lay minister and/or attend the Lay Academy for Rural Church Ministries Foundations for Ministry program. You will have more knowledge about resources available in our district, conference and beyond.

1. Cost: \$50, Course is no cost to you if reside in Five Rivers or Parsons districts, you will receive a scholarship through the District Leadership Team. If outside those districts check with your own district office to see if a Basic's course scholarship is available.
2. Continuing Education Units - 10 hours / 1 CEU, certificates emailed after completion of course and classes.
3. Format: Zoom, we will send you a link to participate once you register and/or pay your fee.
4. There is no Travel, no Motels, and no worry about bad weather.
5. There will be online discussions with participants from all over the United States.

*Text: Lay Servant Ministries by Sandy Ziegler Jackson & Brian Jackson, we will mail a copy of the book to all course participants after registration. **The expectation is that you will read the book and be prepared to participate in class each week.***

Register online: <https://gp-reg.brtaapp.com/LayServantMinistryBasicsClass>  
 Or send a hard copy to Five Rivers District office. The address is below.

**REGISTRATION FORM (Registration Deadline is June 13th)**

**Registration due with \$25.00 if not in Five Rivers or Parsons District.  
 (Basics class has full scholarships for Five Rivers and Parsons District Laity)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell: \_\_\_\_\_ Church/District: \_\_\_\_\_

Please register by June 13<sup>th</sup> to allow us time to get your book mailed out.

Course: ( ) Basic

Are you in the Five Rivers or Parsons District for the Basics scholarships? ( ) Yes ( ) No

**Make registration check out to the Great Plains Conference.**

**Return to: Five Rivers District Office, PO Box 556, Baldwin City, KS 66006-0556**

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