



What a blessing! What a great blend of Disciples of Jesus! Thirty-three pastors and laity, women and men, attended the Advance Lay Servant class *Lead Like Jesus* (LLJ) held at First UMC in McPherson August 16-17. The class was sponsored by the GP UMMen and facilitated by Jim Boesch, extended staff member with the General Commission on United Methodist Men (GCUMM).

Using scripture and video witnesses from disciples whose lives have been transformed, Jim led us through ways we can help lead, help influence others to transform their hearts, heads, hands and habits to follow Jesus.

Participant comments were:

- ✓ “We are working on making disciples intentionally at our church. This will help us face our fears!”
- ✓ “I’m encouraged we now have tools we can use to talk, listen, forgive and move forward.”
- ✓ “It will be useable to those who have been in leadership for years or new to it as I am.”

If you missed this class, no worry. We will offer it again someplace in the GP Conference in 2020. The class is the first in a series the GP UMMen are sponsoring to help local churches develop a discipling environment in their churches by understanding the concepts of servant leadership as Jesus exemplified, by seeing the value of discipleship groups as both Jesus and John Wesley demonstrated and by developing a ministry strategy for putting it all to work.

The GP UMM will host a multi conference retreat for men at Camp Fontenelle Sept 27-28. The focus of this retreat will be discipleship for men in a small group environment using material from the Wesleyan Building Brothers ministry, and DR. Kevin Watson’s books *The Class Meeting*, *Reclaiming a Forgotten (and Essential) Small Group Experience* and *The Band Meeting, Rediscovering Relational Discipleship in Transformational Community*.

The third Advance Lay Servant class will be held at Bonner Springs UMC February 21-22, 2020. This class will use materiel from Understanding Men’s Ministry which the GCUMM developed from the No Man Left Behind ministry with their full permission. PLEASE do not let the title keep you away. The class has been adapted by the GCUMM to help **ALL** ministries in the church develop a strategy for success. It has been well received national by women and men and **ALL** are invited.

For more information and to register, go www.greatplainsumc.org , UMM page and coming events or contact George Houle at wbbumm11@att.net.