

STEPS INTO CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY

Step 1: Certified Lay Speaker

- Service in the local congregation
- Current Safe Sanctuary Clearances
- Appreciation of UM history, polity, doctrine, worship, liturgy

Step 2: Training in Modules 1 and 2

- Module 1 Call to Ministry
- Module 2 Practice of Ministry

Step 3: Local Church Recommendation

- Written recommendation of the pastor and SPPR
- Supporting vote of the Church Council or Charge Conference where he/she holds membership

Step 4: Training in Modules 3 and 4

- Module 3 Organization of Ministry
- Module 4 Connection and Ministry
- Required Conference Level Professional Trainings

Step 5: Identify Mutual Ministry Team (MMT) in local church setting

- Study and completion of Module 1 as MMT
- Develop Covenant as MMT
- Send copy of signed covenant to District Superintendent

Step 6: Recommendation by District Superintendent

- Completion of appropriate screening and assessment
- Point of reentry if process has been discontinued

Step 7: Apply in writing to the District Committee on Ministry

- Appear for review and endorsement
- Bbring copies of covenant and other pertinent information

Step 8: Assignment of Equipping Pastor by DS

Step 9: CLM Assigned to a task by a District Superintendent

- Receives certification (certification is valid only with assignment by DS)
- Set up MMT and develop covenant in assigned ministry setting

Step 10: Re-Endorsement by the DCOM

- After completion of all modules with MMT
- Written Annual Review: MMT, Equipping Pastor and Completion of Signature Form
- Required every 2 years
- Recommendation of Charge Conference from the congregation to which the CLM is assigned (or, if not assigned, then the congregation where membership is held)
- Psychological Assessment
- Recommendation of District Superintendent
- Completion of Continuing Education (at least one event every two years from approved list)