

# Alabama/West Florida Conference UMC Lay Servant Ministries

Certified Lay Servant	Certified Lay Speaker	Certified Lay Minister
<p>Serves the local church or charge (and/or beyond) and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provides program leadership, assistance, and support</li> <li>• Leads meetings for prayer, training, study and discussion</li> <li>• Conducts, or assists in conducting, services of worship, preaches the Word, or gives addresses,</li> <li>• Provides congregational leadership and fosters caring ministries</li> <li>• Assists in the distribution of the elements of Holy Communion</li> <li>• Teaches the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of the UMC</li> </ul>	<p>Serves by preaching the Word when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or committee on Lay Servant Ministries, in accordance and compliance with ¶341.1.</p>	<p>As part of a ministry team with supervision and support of a clergy person:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conducts public worship</li> <li>• Cares for the congregation</li> <li>• Develops new faith communities</li> <li>• Preaches the Word</li> <li>• Leads small groups</li> <li>• Establishes outreach ministries</li> <li>• Serves as a class leader</li> <li>• Engages in specialized ministries after appropriate training such as in parish nursing and church planting</li> <li>• Assists in program leadership</li> </ul>
Requirements for Certification	Requirements for Certification	Requirements for Certification
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pastor of church council or charge conference recommendation</li> <li>• Lay Servant Ministries BASIC course</li> <li>• Lay Servant Ministries advanced course (<i>Discover Your Spiritual Gifts</i> recommended)</li> <li>• District committee on Lay Servant Ministries or equivalent structure (See ¶668.3) approval</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified as a Lay Servant (<i>or equivalent as defined by his/her central conference</i>)</li> <li>• Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation</li> <li>• Completion of a track of study</li> <li>• Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certified as Lay Servant, Lay Missioner, (<i>or equivalent as defined by his/her central conference</i>)</li> <li>• Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation</li> <li>• Completion of track of study</li> <li>• District Superintendent recommendation</li> <li>• Appropriate screening and assessment</li> <li>• Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from district committee on Ordained Ministry</li> </ul>
Requirements for Renewal	Requirements for Renewal	Requirements for Renewal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report and renewal application</li> <li>• Pastor and church council or charge recommendation</li> <li>• Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years</li> <li>• District committee on Lay Servant Ministries, or equivalent structure (See ¶668.3) approval</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report and renewal application</li> <li>• Pastor and church council or charge recommendation</li> <li>• Lay Servant Ministries advanced course in the last three years</li> <li>• District committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval every three years after interview with and recommendation from the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual report</li> <li>• Pastor and church council or charge recommendation</li> <li>• Ministry Review</li> <li>• Lay Servant Ministries advanced course or approved continuing education event annually</li> <li>• District Superintendent recommendation</li> <li>• Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval every two years after interview and recommendation from the district committee on Ordained Ministries</li> </ul>



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