



# Certified Lay Ministry Academy

Explore your call to leadership.

- Is God *calling you to lead or serve* in your church congregation or community?
- Are you interested in *building a ministry team* for community impact?
- Are you interested in receiving theological, cultural and practical *ministry training*?

academic training

community connection

spiritual formation



**“My relationship with God is closer than ever, and growing. The academy renewed my confidence to serve in the church and community in whatever challenge God puts before me”**

— Joseph T. Clark, *Certified Lay Minister*  
First United Methodist Church, Lancaster

**spiritual formation**



**community connections**

**academic training**



Certified Lay Ministers (CLM) are trained, equipped and certified to fulfill their unique God calling. Each CLM develops and leads his or her ministry team for significant service in a wide variety of mission fields and settings —in and through churches of all sizes.

Currently, more than 50 Certified Lay Ministers are leading or serving within the West Ohio Conference in areas such as:

- small membership church appointment
- prison ministries
- medical clinics
- congregational care
- youth ministries
- community outreach
- mission and justice
- preaching
- diversity ministries
- and many others

**“Attending the academy was a pivotal point in my faith journey. The coursework, instructors, and spiritual practices, along with my classmates, provided a unified direction for rediscovering and validating my call to Lay Servant Ministry leadership.”**

— Nancy Byrd, *Certified Lay Minister*  
Christ United Methodist Church, Kettering

**Applications for the next Academy are now available.**

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