



LAY SERVANT MINISTRIES

Upcoming Training Opportunities 2026

Mission Rivers District is pleased to extend an invitation to all laity and clergy who are interested in taking classes with us during the coming year. Below you will find our schedule for the calendar year. Registration will open as each season approaches; registration links will be available on the district website. Clergy who are seeking Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are encouraged to reach out to Jenn Robinson-O'Brien for assistance with that process. Most classes will be offered virtually via Zoom, with an in-person training day scheduled for Saturday, October 3, in Stafford, Virginia.

[Click here for full descriptions and links for registration](#)

Winter, 2026 - Virtual Class

Safer Sanctuaries - January 19th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

BASIC Class - March 2, 3/9, 3/23, 3/30, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

The Road Back to You: An Enneagram Journey : Feb 4, 2/1, 2/18, 2/25

Spiritual Gifts - Feb 8th: 6:00pm - 8:00pm (This is an asynchronous class)

Spring, 2026 - Virtual Classes

Leading Worship - April 11, 18 and 25 from 8:30am - 11:30 am

Lay Pastoral Care Giving - April 18, 25 and May 2 from 8:30am - 11:30 am

From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an effective sermon - April 11, 18 and 25

Sacraments: Means of Grace - April 11, 18 and 25 from 8:30am - 11:30 am

Safer Sanctuaries - April 19th, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Loving People and Planet in Gods Name - TBD

Summer, 2026 - Virtual Classes

Spiritual Gifts - TBD

UNITED METHODIST HERITAGE: Living our United Methodist Beliefs - July

Safer Sanctuaries - August 13, 6:30pm - 8:30pm

Registration Link will be added when registration opens

Fall, 2026 - Virtual Classes

Leading Public Prayer - Evenings in September

Accountable Discipleship - Evenings in the fall - TBD

Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition Date: Evenings in the fall - TBD

Justice in Everyday Life - Date: TBD

Fall, 2026 - One Day In Person Classes

October 3, 2026 at Ebenezer UMC in Stafford

BASIC Class

Spiritual Gifts

God's Mission...Our Journey

Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Group Bible Studies