

FORM 6

CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE

Initial Application or Request for Renewal

Report for year ending _____



SECTION I: DATA ON THE LAY SERVANT

Name (Mrs. ____ Ms. ____ Mr. ____) _____

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip _____ Home Phone (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Email _____ Name of District _____

Name of Church _____

Church Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Church Phone (____) _____

SECTION II: STATUS OF THE LAY SPEAKER

___ **For initial application** as a Lay Speaker

1. Are you currently a Certified Lay Servant? ____ Yes ____ No
2. What year did you complete your Basic Course? _____
3. What year did you complete your Advanced Course for certification as a lay servant? _____
4. What was the title of your Advanced Course? _____
5. Which of the following required Lay Speaking courses have been completed?

| | | |
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| ____ Leading Worship | ____ Leading Prayer | ____ Discovering Spiritual Gifts |
| ____ Preaching | ____ United Methodist Heritage | ____ United Methodist Polity |

(Upon completion of the required course work, the Lay Speaker candidate will be examined by the district committee on Lay Servant Ministries and recommended to the conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries to be considered for certification.)

___ **For renewal** as a Lay Speaker

1. What year did you first become certified as a Lay Speaker? _____
2. Date of last review of Lay Speaker status: _____ Approved: ____ Yes ____ No
3. What year did you complete your last Advanced Course? _____
4. What was the title of your last Advanced Course? _____

SECTION III: REQUEST OF THE LAY SPEAKER (signatures needed)

I request recommendation of my pastor and my church council/charge conference to begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.

Date _____ Lay Speaker _____

SECTION IV: RECOMMENDATION OF THE PASTOR

I recommend concurrence with the request of this person to begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.

Date _____ Pastor _____

SECTION V: RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL/CHARGE CONFERENCE

The church council/charge conference of _____ (church/charge) recommends the above person begin/renew as a Lay Speaker for the ensuing year.

Date _____ District Superintendent or Presiding Elder _____

(To be completed by those requesting renewal as a Lay Speaker)

SECTION VI: MINISTRIES BY THE LAY SPEAKER

During the past year, I have participated in ***caring ministries*** as follows:

- ___ served as a volunteer in a care-giving institution ___ provided one-on-one caring
- ___ at a hospital, nursing home, or to a shut-in ___ in membership/evangelism visitation
- ___ served in caring/outreach projects (food pantry, prison ministry, etc)
- ___ other caring activities (Please list)

During the past year, I have participated in ***leading ministries*** as follows:

- ___ served as member of committee, board, commission, council, task force, etc.
- ___ as a volunteer at a community agency
- ___ at my local church
- ___ beyond my local church
- ___ on my District ___ Conference ___ Jurisdiction ___ General Church level
- ___ other leading activities (Please list on page 3)

During the past year, I have participated in ***communicating ministries*** as follows:

- ___ brought message in ___ worship services
- ___ served as worship leader in ___ services
- ___ delivered ___ devotional messages
- ___ taught ___ classes
- ___ shared my faith story _____
- ___ other speaking activities (Please list on pg. 3)

During the past year I have participated in additional opportunities for ministry as follows (Additional writing space on page 3): _____

SECTION VII: PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY THE LAY SPEAKER

In what activities have you engaged and/or what books have you read or used during the past year to help you develop your devotional life; improve your understanding of the Bible; improve your understanding of The United Methodist Church; and to improve your skills in caring, leading, communicating and speaking?

SECTION VIII: FEEDBACK BY THE LAY SPEAKER (use pg. 3 for additional writing space)

1. Do you feel called to be in service in any area of ministry, either in the church or outside the church, in which you are not currently involved? ___ Yes ___ No (If yes, please list those areas below)

2. What additional training or support do you need or would suggest to further your ministry?

3. Give any recommendations you have for improving Lay Servant Ministries in your District or Conference:

(Note: District Directors are encouraged to respond to any comments within this section.)

NOTICE: After this form is completed and **signed by those listed above**, the Recording Secretary of the Church Council or Charge Conference is requested to reproduce **THREE** copies: (1)Lay Speaker, (2)District Director of Lay Servant Ministries, (3)District Superintendent. The Recording Secretary of the Church Council or Charge Conference keeps the **ORIGINAL**.

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Additional Writing Space

(Please be sure to **indicate which question** you are answering.)