



GBOD Lay Servant Ministries – Lay Servant Process

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Action	Answer	Result	Answer	Result
Approved by pastor and church council or charge conference for Lay Servant status	Yes	Complete Basic Course in LSM	No	Not considered for Lay Servant status
Completed Basic Course - LSM?	Yes	Local Church Lay Servant status	No	Not considered as Lay Servant
Complete an advanced (Learning & Leading) course after Basic Course	Yes	Certified Lay Servant	No	Maintains Local Church Lay Servant status
Certified Lay Servants: Complete at least one Advanced (Learning & Leading) course every 3 years and files yearly annual report with charge conference – and approved	Yes	Re-certified as Certified Lay Servant	No	Not renewed as Certified Lay Servant
Local Church Lay Servants: Complete at least one REFRESHER course for Local Church Lay Servants and file annual report with charge conference – and approved	Yes	Maintains Local Church Lay Servant status	No	Not renewed as Local Church Lay Servant

NOTE: The order of this process may vary-e.g. a person may take the basic course or an advanced course before deciding to apply for lay servant status.



Lay Servant Ministries – Lay Speaker Process

Action	Answer	Result	Answer	Result
Certified Lay Servant approved by pastor and church council or charge conference for role of Lay Speaker?	Yes	Enter Lay Speaker Track	No	Not considered for Lay Speaker role - Remain Certified Lay Servant / can begin in "Track"
Completed Required Courses? *See AR Conf. LSM requirements	Yes	Interview with District Committee on LSM	No	As Above *See Ar Conf. LSM requirements
Interview with District Committee on LSM and recommended to Conference Committee on LSM for Lay Speaker role?	Yes	Await approval of Conference Committee on LSM	No	Not considered for Lay Speaker role - Remain Certified Lay Servant
Approved by Conference Committee on LSM for Lay Speaker role?	Yes	Certified as a Lay Speaker for pulpit supply	No	As Above

Arkansas Conference LSM Program has some requirements of their own – please see the arumc.org website /resources/LSM