



Capitol Area South District

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To: All Pastors and Current Lay Speakers
From: Joe Ann Mitchell, Chair of the Board of Laity
Re: Lay Speaker Training, May 21-22
Date: February 4, 2010

The Capitol Area South District will offer two lay speaker opportunities during the weekend of **May 21-22, 2010**. The training sessions will be held at Asbury South UMC, 4760 Winchester Pike, Columbus, OH 43232.

The following sessions will be offered:

Basic Lay Speaker Training

This introductory class is the required class for all persons who want to enter the ministry of lay speaking. Upon completion of the class, the participant is eligible to become a Local Church Lay Speaker. Approval of the pastor of the participant's church and the charge conference or church council of the local church is also required for one to become a Local Church Lay Speaker.

Advanced Lay Speaking Class

Those who are Local Church or Certified Lay Speakers may take the Advanced Class that will be offered. The advanced class is entitled "From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon." The class is a new offering for preparation and delivery of a sermon. Each member of the advanced class will be expected to prepare and deliver a sermon of eight to ten minutes in length.

Classes will meet on Friday, May 21 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm *and* on Saturday, May 22, from 8:30 am to 4:45 pm. Students are **required** to attend both Friday and Saturday classes to receive certification for the course. Registration on Friday will begin at 6:00 pm.

Cost for either class is **\$35.00** per person to cover the expense of materials and refreshments. To register for the class, complete the appropriate section on the attached registration form. Registration will be limited to **30 persons** in the Basic Class and to **35 persons** in the Advanced Class

The registration deadline is **Friday, May 7**. Upon receipt of registration, materials, homework, assignments, and directions to the church will be sent to participants. Homework assignments are expected to be completed prior to the weekend of the class.

To continue in the ministry of lay speaking, all lay speakers are expected to take a refresher/advanced class once every three years.

Please forward this information to anyone in your congregation who you believe would be interested in attending this event.

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