

Greetings Christ Servant Ministers,

I hope that you and your loved ones have been able to stay safe during these unusual times. It goes without saying that our way of life has been changed and the challenges presented to Christ Servant Ministers have been numerous. As fall approaches so is your Charge Conference (probably via Zoom this year) and I remind you that to be recognized as a CSM in good standing, our 2016 Discipline requires...

1. Participation in a minimum of 10 hours of approved training every 3 years;
2. Submitting an annual report to your charge conference; and
3. Sending copies of your report to your CSM District Representative and to me.

Although grace is often extended as it applies to the 10 hours of approved training, **DO NOT FORGET TO SUBMIT YOUR ANNUAL REPORT.** Completion of this form is your connection to the Conference Journal and continued recognition in the CSM program. Failure to send me a copy can result in loss of conference recognition. There is a CSM "doc" form included in your Church's Charge Conference packet, but in case your pastor does not give you the form, you can click on the following link to download the form, complete, and send to me via snail mail or email... [2021 CSM Annual Report](#).

This fall, there are quite a few opportunities for CSM credit at the fall session of the Lay Academy. In addition to The Basic Course: The Journey Begins, the following courses are being offered.

SPEAKING:

- Hablando 101: Predicando para ser Escuchado
- Speaking 101: Preaching to Be Heard
- Speaking 202: Preaching CAREfully
- Hablando 203: Método Inductivo - "¿Cómo hacer que nuestra audiencia escuche?"

LEADERSHIP:

- Bible Study for 21st Century Learners
- Christianity, Cults, and Religions
- Emotional Intelligence 201: The Next Step
- Servant Leadership

CARING:

- Encontrandonos con Dios a traves de la Oración
- Finishing Strong
- A Good Samaritan's View on Caring for Others
- Making Every Prayer Count
- Pastoral Care: What To Say When Someone Is Hurting
- The Practice of Hospitality in Troubling Times

Many of these courses are being offered as in-person courses and some are on ZOOM. Please click this link for more information and to register for the [FALL LAY ACADEMY](#).

In addition to the fall session of the Lay Academy, there continue to be a number of other courses being offered. Some of these are....

- Various on-line titles – A variety of offerings can be found at [BeADisciple.com](#)
- Other events - As events become available, they are announced via the on-line Conference Newsletter – New Spirit Digest and on the Conference website [www.epaumc.org](#).

Our newly revised CSM site – [www.ChristServantMinistries.net](#) has answers for many of your Christ Servant Ministry questions; registration and Annual Report forms available for download; calendar dates; and other pertinent CSM information.

Please feel free to copy this note and the various forms to share with those who may miss or not have access to electronic messages. God be with you and stay safe on your journey with Christ in the upcoming year...

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