



South Central Jurisdiction

“What’s My Job?”

**Lay Leader
and
Lay Member to Annual
Conference**



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PURPOSE OF WORKSHOP

- **Inform**
 - **Provide Resources**
 - **Build Relationships**

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:2: Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-what is good and acceptable and perfect.



Leadership Scripture

Philippians 2:3-4: Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.



MISSION OF THE CHURCH

The mission of the Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world. Local churches and extension ministries of the Church provide the most significant arenas through which disciple-making occurs.

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Bishop's Statement

- The United Methodist Church forms disciples of Jesus Christ who, empowered by the Holy Spirit, **love boldly**, **serve joyfully**, and **lead courageously** in local communities and worldwide connections.



Discipleship Plan

- 1. Proclaim the gospel, seek, welcome, gather**
- 2. Lead persons to commit their lives to God**
- 3. Nurture persons in Christian living**
- 4. Send persons into the world**



Ministry Area

WHAT you do

WHY you do what you do

HOW you do what you do

- Celebrate what you do well



Characteristics of Leadership

- **Define a Servant Leader**
- **What makes servant leaders different from other leaders?**
- **How are these characteristics expressed in your congregation?**
- **How would our ministry change if we took these characteristics seriously?**



A Lay Leader in the local church.

- **Representative and role model of Christian faith**
- **Spiritual Gifts can include compassion, discernment, faith, helping, leadership, and servanthood (or any of the others!)**
- **Listens well and communicates with all people**
- **Helps align ministry to the mission of the church**
- **Connects the congregation with the community**



A Lay Leader...

- Supports the vision and mission of the congregation
- Works with the pastor to build discipleship, discuss state of the home church
- Supports opportunities for lay ministry of the home church
- Continues to study and train to strengthen own ministry
- Informs laity of opportunities at Annual Conference
- Voting member of Charge Conference, church council, SPRC, finance, and nominations committees



Lay Leader starts by.....

- **Reviewing information on Discipleship Ministries website**
- **Meeting with pastor regularly to define/engage role in church**
- **Establishing intentional mission and ministry**
- **Celebrating the ministry of lay persons**
- **Learning about and sharing information on actions taken by General Conference**
- **Support leadership development through Lay Servant and Safer Sanctuaries classes**



Lay Member of Annual Conference...

- **Attends Annual Conference as a voting member, must register and attend**
- **Interprets the actions of Annual Conference back to the congregation**
- **Must be a member of congregation for four years prior to election**
- **Interested in parliamentary procedure and church structure**
- **Spiritual Gifts can be: Servanthood, teaching, compassion, faith, discernment, apostleship, leadership, and wisdom**



Lay Member to Annual Conference is.....

- Knowledgeable about structure and ministries of UMC
- Attends all sessions of annual conference
- Engages in spiritual practices to discern God's will and direction
- Links the mission and vision of the local congregation with the mission and vision of the annual conference
- Serves on church council, finance and SPRC committees
- Accountable to the charge conference-elected through nominations committee at charge/church conference



Lay Member to AC starts by...

- Reviewing Lay Member information on Discipleship Ministries website - umcdiscipleship.org
- Meeting with pastor about how your leadership is used in the church
- Talking with others who have attended annual conference
- Knowing the concerns of your congregation
- Reading the preconference reports



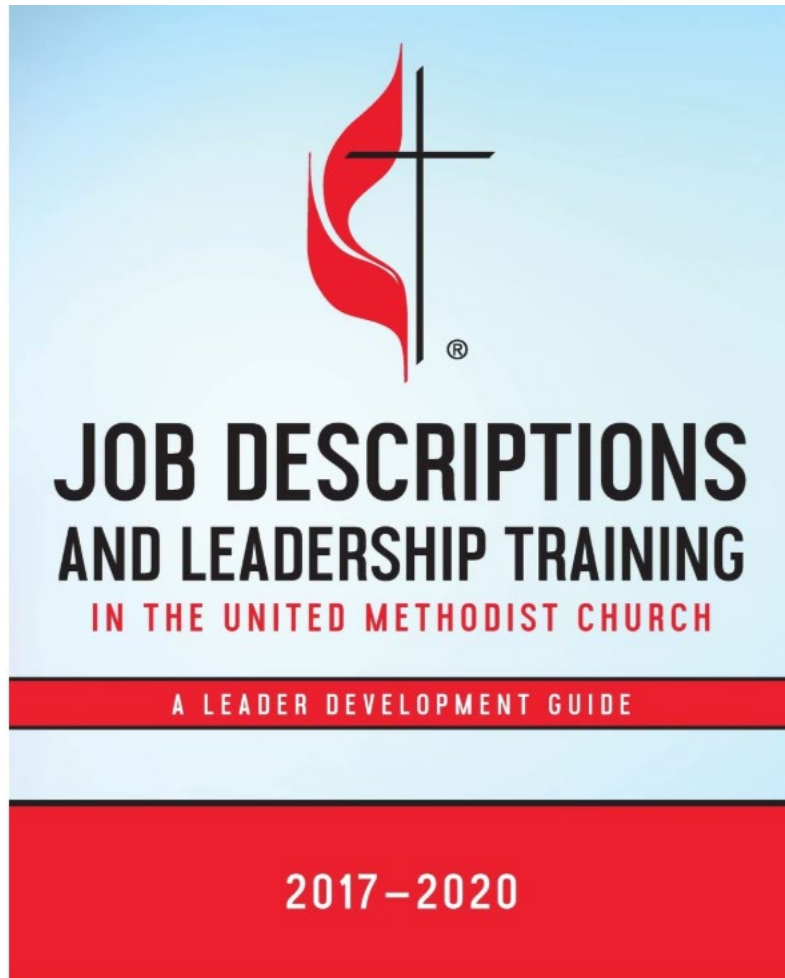
Key Takeaways

- Laity are crucial to the disciple-making mission of the UMC
- Lay Leaders are connectors of their congregations with clergy, with each other, and with the community
- Lay Delegates are connectors of their congregations with the larger work of their Annual Conference



**Where do you go from
here??**

Resource Material

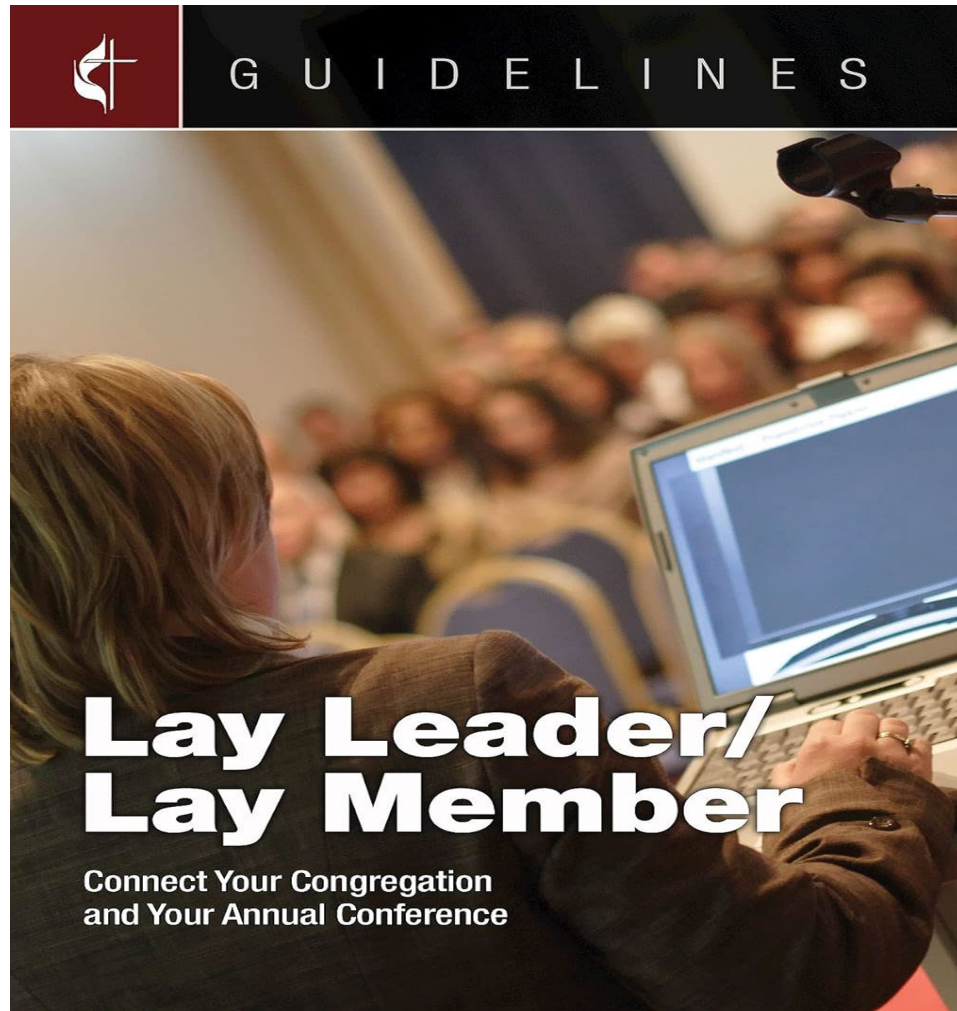


Job Descriptions and Leadership Training in the United Methodist Church: A Leader Development Guide - 2017-2020

Discipleship Ministries

www.umcdiscipleship.org


Resource Material



Guidelines: Lay Leader/Lay Member - Connect your Congregation and your Annual Conference

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