

DISTRICT DIRECTOR **October 2017**

What is a District Director?

1. They have a heart for Lay Servant Ministries. It is imperative that the director believes in the individuals who choose to serve their local fellowship and The United Methodist Church in a variety of ways and are willing to pursue knowledge in becoming better servants of the Kingdom of God. You also have to believe that the course materials available through the General Board of Discipleship are quality courses that will provide the lay servant with the knowledge they need.
2. At the district level:
 - a. Coordinate the district committee in carrying out the functions of the Lay Servant Ministries.
 - b. Encourage Lay Servants to continue their training.
 - c. Coordinate local and district training events
 - d. Serve on the conference Lay Servant Committee – which generally meets face-to-face once or twice each year. This committee plans the conference training events>
 - e. Maintain a data base of all lay servants in the district – information obtained through the annual charge conference process and provided mostly through the EVC electronic reporting systems used by the conference.
 - f. Coordinate annual training events for the district or region.
 - g. Coordinate a small board to observe/evaluate lay speaker candidates prior to certifying or re-certifying them as Lay Speakers.
 - h. Work with lay minister candidates in completing their requirements to become a Lay Minister.
 - g. Coordinate lay speakers to speak in local churches as requested.
 - i. Coordinate lay servants to speak in local assisted living facilities.
 - j. Attend annual conference as a district representative.
 - k. Serve on one or two district committees as designated by the district superintendent.
 - l. Other opportunities to serve as requested by either the district superintendent or the conference committee.

I can promise you that this can be one of the most rewarding and most frustrating jobs you will ever have within the UMC. I have loved it – and at times I hated it, but I always understand the importance of this valuable ministry. It is one of the most promising places to work within the UMC to truly make a difference as we seek to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

--David Bailey, Conference Director of Lay Servant Ministries

Be disciples of Jesus Christ who are life long learners who influence others to serve

Bishop Sharma D. Lewis