

LAY SPEAKER ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT OF THE LAY SPEAKER TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE

Initial Application or Request for Renewal

This report covers the 12-month period from _____ to _____ (either January-December or from last to current charge conference)

(Part 1)

DATA ON THE LAY SPEAKER

Name _____ Mrs. Ms. Mr. Name of District _____
Nickname (i.e. Sue, Jim, Ken, etc.) _____ Name of Church _____
Address _____ Church Address _____
City/State/Zip _____ City/State/Zip _____
Telephone (H) _____ (W) _____ Church Telephone _____
Fax _____ Email _____

(Part 2)

STATUS OF THE LAY SPEAKER

First Time: I am applying to :

BEGIN as a local church lay speaker (complete only Parts 3, 4, & 5)

BECOME a certified lay speaker (complete both sides of this form)

(Note: The District Director will contact you with information on the next Lay Speaking Ministries School.

Renewal : *(Renewal applicants must also complete side two)*

I am applying for RENEWAL as a :

local church lay speaker certified lay speaker

(Certified Lay Speakers - complete question 1 & 2 below)

1) What year did you complete your LAST advanced course ? _____

2) What was the TITLE of the LAST advanced course you took?

(Part 3)

REQUEST OF THE LAY SPEAKER

I hereby request recommendation of my pastor and my charge conference to begin / renew as a local church lay speaker certified lay speaker for the ensuing year.

Date _____ Lay Speaker

(Part 4)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE PASTOR

I recommend concurrence with the request of this person to begin /renew as a local church lay speaker certified lay speaker for the ensuing year.

Date _____ Pastor

(Part 5)

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CHARGE CONFERENCE

The charge conference of _____ (church or charge) recommends that the above person begin or renew as a
local church lay speaker certified lay speaker for the ensuing year.

Date _____ District Superintendent

NOTICE : After this form is completed and signed by all those listed above, the Recording Secretary of the Charge Conference is requested to reproduce THREE copies: (1) Lay Speaker, (2) District Director of Lay Speaking, (3) District Superintendent. The Recording Secretary of the Charge Conference keeps the ORIGINAL form.

(OVER)

(Part 6)

MINISTRIES BY THE LAY SPEAKER

During the past year I have:

Participated in **Caring** ministries as follows:

- served as a volunteer in a care-giving institution
- provided one-on-one caring at a hospital, nursing home, or to a shut-in
- in membership/evangelism visitation
- served in caring/outreach projects (food pantry, prison ministry, etc.)

other caring activities _____

Participated in **Leading** ministries as follows:

- served as member of committee, board, commission, council, task force, etc.:
- as a volunteer at a community agency
- at my local church
- beyond my local church
- in my District Conference Southeastern Jurisdiction General Church level

other leading activities _____

Participated in **Speaking** ministries as follows:

- brought message in _____ worship services
- delivered _____ devotional messages
- served as worship leader in _____ services
- taught _____ classes

other speaking activities _____

Additional opportunities for ministry participated by the Lay Speaker _____

(Part 7)

PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY THE LAY SPEAKER

In what activities have you engaged and/or what books have you read or used during the past year to help you develop your devotional life; improve your understanding of the Bible; improve your understanding of The United Methodist Church; and to improve your skills in caring, leading, and speaking ?

(Part 8)

FEEDBACK BY THE LAY SPEAKER

Do you believe that you have had adequate opportunity for service as a lay speaker this past year? yes no (if no, please explain)

What additional training or support do you need or suggest? _____

Give any recommendations you have for improving the lay speaking ministries in your District or Conference. _____

Note: District Directors are encouraged to respond to any comments within this section)