

## Lay Ministry Education Programs

As Christians we are called to a way of living, a 'Jesus way', which affects all of our decision-making and requires prayer and attention to God's will. This is a promise made at baptism. During childhood, others are responsible for Christian education and the formation of a Christian outlook on the world. As adults the challenges to this early training increase, along with our responsibilities. Living our baptismal promises is often not easy; to do it well, we need companions on the journey.

For those seeking "something more" in education and faith exploration, many Conferences and Associations of the United Church of Christ sponsor in-depth, ongoing programs of education for adults. They offer weekend retreats, evening classes, and other learning opportunities for study of scripture, church history, liturgy, theology, and local church leadership. They also offer an opportunity to develop deep and lasting relationships with others who thirst for a more faithful understanding and commitment. (Some of the programs equip participants for licensed and commissioned ministries as well, at the discretion of the authorizing Association.)

### Central Atlantic Conference, Catoclin Association

Catoclin Lay Ministry School  
glennp@qjs.net

### Council for American Indian Ministry

Eagle Butte Learning Center (South Dakota)  
605-224-8676 (Winifred Boub)

### Hawaii Conference

Henry 'Opukaha'ia Center for Pacific  
Theological Studies (HOC)  
www.hcucc.org/information/education/  
808-791-5642

### Illinois South and Missouri Mid-South Conferences through Eden Seminary

Lay Institute for Faith Exploration (LiFE)  
www.eden.edu/ContinuingEd/LiFE.html  
314-962-7517, aschroer@aol.com

### Indiana-Kentucky Conference

Licensed Ministry Training Program  
ikcucc@ikcucc.org 317-924-1395

### Iowa Conference

CENTER/LEARN Program  
www.ucciaconf.org/layeducation.html  
515-277-2679

### Kansas-Oklahoma Conference

K-O Conference School of Theology  
maryeliseearly@aol.com  
316-686-4331

### Michigan Conference

Systematic Training for Effective Ministries (ST.E.M)  
stem@michucc.org  
www.michucc.org/stem/index.htm

### Minnesota Conference, Western Association

Institute for the Development of Lay Ministry  
mksauter@rea-alm.com

### Missouri Mid-South Conference

See "Illinois South" listing, above

### Montana-Northern Wyoming Conference

(with montan Association of Churches)  
Lay Ministry Institute (MAC-LMI) 406-656-9779  
www.montana-churches.org/programs/layministry

### Nebraska Conference

Education for Lay Ministry (ELM)  
402/474-3207 or 800/580-8851  
shieldscotner@alltel.net

### New York Conference

The New York School of Ministry  
www.uccny.org/ministries/local/NYSOMindex.htm  
nysom@uccny.org

### Ohio Conference, Eastern Association

Partners in Ministry  
330-453-8178 richp@eoaucc.org

### Ohio Conference, Northwest Association

Lay School of Religion  
www.nwoa.org/layschl.htm  
419-447-8323, dculp@bpsom.com

### Ohio Conference, Southwest Ohio Northern

Kentucky Association  
Lay School of the Church  
sonkaucc.ocucc.org/sonka-layschool.html  
937-438-8050, lwolfe@united.edu

### Ohio Conference, Western Reserve

Association  
Lay School of the Church  
216-749-3116 epmrev97@ameritech.net

### Penn Central, Penn Northeast, and Pennsylvania Southeast Conferences

Lay Ministry in the 21st Century  
www.pnec.org/Education/laymin21.htm  
PC:717-652-1560; PNE: 610-826-3113;  
PSE: 610-489-2056

### Penn West Conference

Penn West Academy for Ministry  
724-834-0344, office@pennwest.org

### Puerto Rico Conference

La Escuela Teologica de Laicos  
787-745-3340

### Rocky Mountain Conference

Theological Education Institute (TEI)  
www.teinstitute.net, marciameyer@mmode.com

### South Dakota Conference

Yankton College Associate of Theology Program  
www.yanktoncollege.org/ministry.html  
605-338-8738

### Southeast Conference

Theology Among the People (TAP)  
www.secucc.org/ (then select "Programs")  
kclark@secucc.org

### Southern Conference

Pastoral Leadership Development Program  
www.soc-ucc.org/soc-ucc/PLD.html#anchor435745

### Vermont Conference

Vermont Academy of Spiritual Training (VAST)  
www.vtcucc.org/education/vast.html  
802-244-1964. willardj@vtcucc.org

### Wisconsin Conference

Lay Academy 609-846-7880  
www.wcucc.org/LayAcademy.htm



Contact your conference for other adult education opportunities