CERTIFIED LAY SERVANT CERTIFIED LAY SPEAKER CERTIFIED LAY MINISTER Serves the local church or charge (and/or Serves by preaching the Word when As part of a ministry team with beyond) and: requested by the pastor, district supervision and support of a clergyperson: superintendent, or committee on Lay Servant Ministries, in accordance and Provides program leadership, Conducts public worship assistance, and support compliance with ¶341.1. Cares for the congregation Leads meetings for prayer, training, Develops new faith communities study, and discussion Preaches the Word Conducts, or assists in conducting, Leads small groups services of worship, preaches the Word, or gives addresses Establishes outreach ministries Provides congregational and Serves as a class leader community leadership and fosters Engages in specialized ministries caring ministries after appropriate training such as in Assists in the distribution of the parish nursing and church planting elements of Holy Communion Assists in program leadership Teaches the Scriptures, doctrine, organization, and ministries of The United Methodist Church. **REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION: REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION: REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTIFICATION:** Pastor and church council or charge Certified as a lay servant (or Certified as a lay servant, lay equivalent as defined by his or her missioner (or equivalent as defined conference recommendation central conference) by his or her central conference) Lay Servant Ministries BASIC course Pastor and church council or charge Pastor and church council or charge Lay Servant Ministries advanced conference recommendation conference recommendation Completion of a track of study as Completion of a track of study as District committee on Lay Servant defined in ¶267.3.c. defined in ¶268 Ministries, or equivalent structure (See ¶668.3) approval Conference committee on Lay District Superintendent Servant Ministries approval after recommendation interview with and recommendation Appropriate screening & assessment from the district committee on Lay Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries Servant Ministries approval after interview with and recommendation from district committee on Ordained Ministry **REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL: REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL:** REQUIREMENTS FOR RENEWAL: • Annual report & renewal application Annual report & renewal application Annual report Pastor and church council or charge Pastor and church council or charge Pastor and church council or charge conference recommendation conference recommendation conference recommendation Lay Servant Ministries advanced Lay Servant Ministries advanced Ministry review course in the last three years course in the last three years Lay Servant Ministries advanced District committee on Lay Servant Conference committee on Lay course or approved continuing Ministries, or equivalent structure Servant Ministries approval every education event every two years (See ¶668.3) approval three years after interview with and District Superintendent recommendation from the district recommendation committee on Lay Servant Ministries Conference committee on Lay Servant Ministries approval every CARING two years after interview with and ADOPTED LEGISLATION AT 2016 GENERAL CONFERENCE recommendation from district Lay For more information visit: www.UMCdiscipleship.org committee on Ordained Ministry Sérvant Ministries DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

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