

PRAIRIE NORTH SPRING 2025 LAY ACADEMY

Sat., March 22
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sun., March 23
1 to 4:30 p.m.



Cost: Box lunch (Saturday only),
snacks, water and coffee
will be provided.

- \$20 before or on Feb. 3
- \$25 before or on March 17

Freeport: Harmony UMC 2600 W Pearl City Rd, Freeport

Class Options: (one course per academy)

- 1 United Methodist Heritage (Living Our United Methodist Beliefs)** This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphases are still needed in the 21st-century church. Participant's Book: *Living Our United Methodist Beliefs* by Kenneth L. Carder
- 2 Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia Through a Spiritual Lens** This course is designed to help laity and clergy deepen their understanding of persons living with dementia and help all maintain their identity and worth as beloved children of God. Confronting the deep personal and theological questions created by loving people with dementia. Participant's Book: *Ministry with the Forgotten: Dementia through a Spiritual Lens* by Kenneth L Carder
- 3 Called to Preach Called to Preach** is designed to those who have not completed formal preaching training, for pastors seeking a basic refresher course and for other who are called upon to preach in a pastor's absence. Participant's Book: *From Pew To Pulpit* by Clifton F Gurthrie
- 4 Loving People and Planet in God's Name** This course empowers lay participants to engage local churches in creation care and environmental justice. Lay participants will see this work as the appropriate response of disciples of Jesus Christ to the realities of climate change. Participant's Book: *Climate Justice: A Call to Hope and Action, Second Edition* by Edited by Pat Watkins
- 5 Exploring a Culture of Care for a Caring Congregation** This new advanced course equips participants with tools for deep listening and grows their capacity to care in difficult situations of loss – all within healthy boundaries and a thoughtful awareness of the varying cultural contexts of caring ministry. Participant's Book: *The Caring Congregation Ministry: Implementation Guide* by Karen Lampe & Melissa Gepford

All books may be purchased at your favorite bookseller.
All class times must be attended to receive course credit.

QUESTIONS?
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Register Online: Registration Deadline: Mon. March 17

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