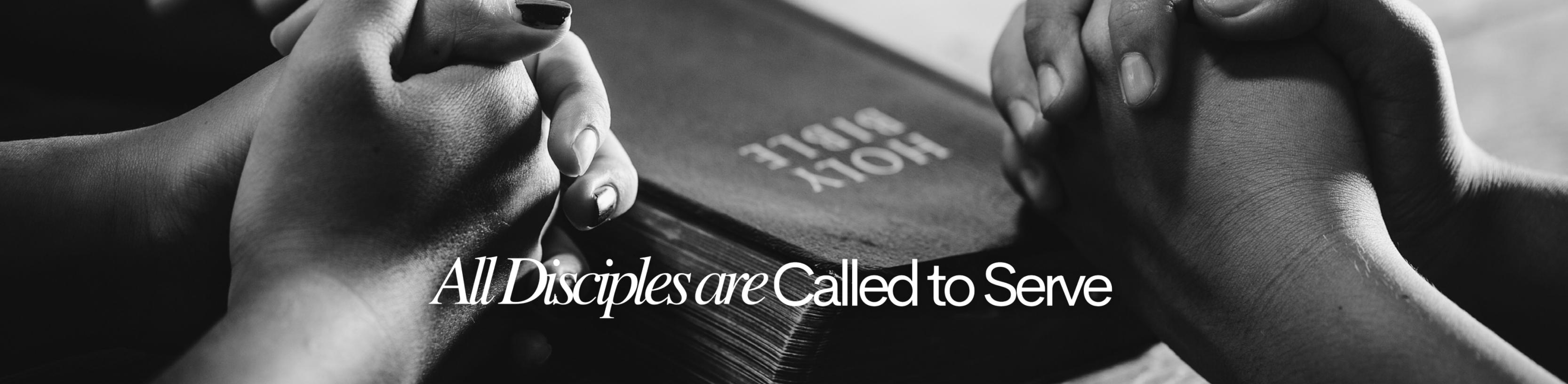




Called *to serve*



All Disciples are Called to Serve

- Opening prayer
- Scripture: Ephesians 4:11-13
- Diversity within God's call to serve





What is God Calling You To Do?

When do you feel most alive in your faith?

Where do you see a need?

What breaks your heart in the world?



Pathways to Serve

Certified Lay Servant

Certified Lay Speaker

Appointed Local
Pastor

Ordained Deacon

Ordained Elder

Certified Lay Minister

Certified Lay Servant

The certified lay servant serves to enhance the quality of ministry much like a class leader did in early Methodism through service in the local church, circuit or cooperative parish, or by expanding team ministry in other churches and charges. As with lay ministry in early Methodism, the certified lay servant uses his or her spiritual gifts as evidence of God's grace.

Who

Laypeople who serve the church through teaching, leading, and caring

Key Qualities

Passion for serving, teaching, assisting in worship

Requirements

LSM Basic Training and one advanced, CC Recommendation, DCOLM approval

Where they Serve

Local congregations, small groups, community ministries



Certified Lay Speaker

They are certified to serve as pulpit supply, preaching the Word when requested by the pastor, district superintendent, or a committee on lay servant ministries.

Who

Lay Servants trained and authorized to preach in local churches.

Key Qualities

Confident speakers, biblically grounded, and faithful leaders.

Requirements

Become a Lay Servant, Take all advanced LSM courses, CC Rec, and DCOLM approval

Where they Serve

Preach during clergy absences or as pulpit supply across churches



Certified Lay Minister

“Certified lay ministers are assigned by the district superintendent to provide preaching, care, and program leadership in congregations.”
(¶268.1, 2016 BOD)

Who

Lay leaders assigned to lead churches in worship and care.

Key Qualities

Lay leaders assigned to lead churches in worship and care.

Requirements

Complete CLM training, CC Rec, Psych eval, DS rec, Conference Lay Ministries rec and DCOM rec and Laity Council approval

Where they Serve

Lead small churches, provide care, preach, and oversee ministries.



Local Pastor

“Local pastors are licensed for pastoral ministry and are authorized to perform all duties of a pastor within the appointment.”

(¶316.1, 2016 BOD)

Who

Licensed and appointed to serve congregations

Key Qualities

Preachers, caregivers, and spiritual leaders of congregations

Requirements

Complete candidacy, Licensing School, and Course of Study

Where they Serve

Appointed by the bishop to lead local churches, full- or part-time



Ordained Deacon

“Deacons are ordained to a lifetime ministry of Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice to both the community and the congregation.”
(¶1330, 2016 BOD)

Who

Ordained clergy called to ministries of Word, Service, Compassion, and Justice.

Key Qualities

Passionate about connecting church and world, often serve in specialized ministry settings

Requirements

Complete M.Div. degree and meet candidacy and ordination requirements of the annual conference

Where they Serve

Appointed to ministries in churches, hospitals, nonprofits, schools, and other settings



Ordained Elder

“Elders are ordained to the ministry of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service and are authorized to preach, teach, administer the sacraments, and lead the church.”
(¶1332, 2016 BOD)

Who

Ordained clergy called to ministries of Word, Sacrament, Order, and Service

Key Qualities

Strong preaching, sacramental, and leadership abilities in the life of the church

Requirements

Complete M.Div. degree and meet candidacy and ordination requirements of the annual conference

Where they Serve

Appointed by the bishop to lead congregations and serve in connectional ministry



discerning your *path*

- Do you feel called to serve within your local church, or beyond it?
- Are you called to preach, teach, serve, lead, or care?
- What kind of training or preparation are you willing to pursue?
- Are you open to being appointed, or do you prefer to stay rooted in your local congregation?



Next *STEPS*



Lay Servant

Talk to your pastor and sign up for Lay Servant Ministries training

Lay Speaker

Talk to your pastor and sign up for Lay Servant Ministries training

Lay Minister

Sign up to take a CLM program

Resources

<https://www.calpacumc.org/laity/lsm/>

Next *STEPS*



Local Pastor

Deacon

Lay Minister

- Talk to your pastor,
- Fill out biographical form
- Talk with your DS
- Enter candidacy process
- Deacon and Elder – consider seminary

Resources

<https://www.calpacumc.org/BOM>

Ignatius of Loyola

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