



# LAY SPEAKER'S ANNUAL REPORT

## NEBRASKA CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH REPORT OF THE LAY SPEAKER TO THE CHARGE CONFERENCE

**Initial Application or Request for Renewal; DUE BY FEB 15th .**

(Either January-December or from last to current charge conference)

(PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SIDES; PRINT OR TYPE)

### PART 1. DATA ON THE LAY SPEAKER

Name \_\_\_\_\_  Mrs.  Ms.  Mr.

Name of District \_\_\_\_\_

Nickname (i.e. Sue, Jim, Ken, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_ United Methodist Church

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (H) (\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_) (W) (\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Telephone (\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

### PART 2. STATUS OF THE LAY SPEAKER

**First Time:** I am applying to **BEGIN** as a:

local church lay speaker  certified lay speaker

I  have  have NOT completed the basic training course for lay speakers.

Year completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

I  have  have NOT completed an advanced course for lay speakers.

Year completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of advanced course: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for **RENEWAL** as a:

local church lay speaker  certified lay speaker

I  have  have NOT completed the basic training course for lay speakers.

Year completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

I  have  have NOT completed an advanced course for lay speakers.

Year completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of advanced course: \_\_\_\_\_

### PART 3. REQUEST OF THE LAY SPEAKER

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Lay Speaker)

### PART 4. RECOMMENDATION OF THE PASTOR

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(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)

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Church Conference Secretary)

### PART 6. ACTION BY THE CONFERENCE COMMITTEE ON LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES

This application to begin or be renewed as a  certified lay speaker  local church lay speaker within the \_\_\_\_\_ District of the Nebraska Conference is  approved  disapproved for the ensuing year.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

(signed) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Conference Committee Member)

**NOTICE: After the Lay Speaker completes this form and the signatures are obtained for parts 3, 4, and 5, reproduce THREE (3) copies and distribute to: District Superintendent, Church Conference Secretary, and keep a copy for yourself. Mail the original form to: LAY SPEAKING, PO Box 277, Kenesaw, NE 68956-0277.**

**Questions, please call Bob Aderholt: 402.752.3317(H) or 402.460.7976(C)**

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### PART 7. MINISTRIES BY THE LAY SPEAKER

During the past year I have participated in these ministry opportunities:

- served as a MEMBER of a committee, board, commission, council, task force
  - at my local church (what) \_\_\_\_\_
  - beyond my local church:
    - in my district (what) \_\_\_\_\_
    - in my conference (what) \_\_\_\_\_
    - in my jurisdiction (what) \_\_\_\_\_
    - at the general church level (what) \_\_\_\_\_
- served as CHAIR of committee, board, task force (what) \_\_\_\_\_
- served as a volunteer at a community agency (what) \_\_\_\_\_
- served as a volunteer in a caregiving institution (what) \_\_\_\_\_
- provided one-on-one caring:
  - at a hospital, nursing home, or to a shut-in
  - in membership/evangelism visitation
  - other: \_\_\_\_\_
- provided leadership in caring/outreach projects (such as a food pantry, prison ministry, Society of St. Stephen) (what) \_\_\_\_\_
- taught classes (what, how many) \_\_\_\_\_
- served as a worship leader in services (how many) \_\_\_\_\_
- delivered devotional messages (where, how many) \_\_\_\_\_
- preached in worship services (where, how many) \_\_\_\_\_

Additional opportunities for leading, caring and communicating ministries participated in by the lay speaker (describe opportunity and your part in it): \_\_\_\_\_  
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### PART 8. PERSONAL AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH BY THE LAY SPEAKER

In what activities have you engaged and/or what books have you read and 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?

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### PART 9. 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) \_\_\_\_\_  
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What additional training or support do you need or suggest? \_\_\_\_\_  
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Give any recommendations you have for improving the lay speaking ministries in your district or conference. \_\_\_\_\_  
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### PART 10. INFORMATION FOR CONFERENCE JOURNAL

List the areas of ministry you prefer:

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_