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TO: All Pastors
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FROM: Christine Dawson, Director
Greenwood District Lay Servant Ministries

SUBJECT: 2017 SPRING LAY SERVANT MINISTRY SCHOOL

The Greenwood District will be holding a Lay Servant Ministries School on March 19 and 26 at Edgefield UMC, 309 Norris St., Edgefield, SC 29824. Registration will begin at 2:00 p.m. and the sessions will end at 7:30 p.m. A light meal will be served.

We will be offering four courses:

- **Basic Course:** required of all those who wish to be certified as a Local Church Lay Servant. If this is your first application to become a Lay Servant, you need to register for this course.
- **Polity**
- **Living Our Beliefs in the United Methodist Way**

These two courses are advanced courses. Participants must have previously taken the Basic Course.

The guidelines in the *2016 Book of Discipline* indicate that individuals seeking recognition as Certified Lay Servants or Lay Speakers should take at least one advanced course every three years. If an advanced course is not taken, then the individual will be required to re-take the Basic Course for continued certification.

For the first time, a new course designed for Local Church Lay Leaders will be offered: *How Lay Leaders and Lay Servants Can Become More Effective in the Local Church and Beyond*. An exception is being made for this class by not requiring Lay Leaders to have taken the Basic Course.

The registration information and form are available online: <http://www.umcsc.net/greenwood/home/>. Please download the registration form, complete it, and mail it with your registration fee to Christine Dawson, 416 Harbor Crest Dr., Waterloo, SC 29834. For those persons taking an advanced course, please order your books in advanced.

Order information for the Advanced Courses books is available online: <http://www.umcsc.net/greenwood/home/>. The Basic Course book will be distributed at the first session and the cost is included in your registration fee.

I look forward to seeing you in Edgefield on March 19. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone (864-677-4965).

Please return your registration form and check to Chris Dawson, 415 Harbor Crest Dr., Waterloo, SC 29834. Please make payable to Greenwood District with Lay Servant Ministries School noted in the Item Line on the check.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MARCH 4, 2017.