



Northern Illinois Conference, Aurora District



# 2 Saturdays

## 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

# November 7 & 14, 2015

**Baker Memorial UMC**

**307 Cedar Ave**

**St Charles, IL**

**Fee: \$35 (includes continental breakfast, lunch, materials) \$40 after Oct 25**

**Justice in Everyday Life: the Social Principles of the United Methodist Church**

*Led by Larry Newton, Plainfield UMC*



The United Methodist Social Principles – formulated by the UM General Conference as “instructive and persuasive in the best of the prophetic spirit” – are a prayerful and thoughtful effort to speak to the human issues in the contemporary world from a sound biblical and theological foundation. This course provides Lay Servants with an in-depth discussion of vital social, economic and political issues of our time from a UMC perspective as well as techniques of effectively teaching and communicating the Social Principles to persons both inside and outside the church.

**Lord Teach Us to Pray: A Study of Personal Prayer**

*Led by Pat Michalik, Hope UMC, Joliet*



Prayer is a relationship with God that grows and matures over time and is a central part of a Lay Servant's ministry. Offering practical suggestions for anyone striving toward an increased knowledge of prayer, this course focuses on becoming more prayerful, exploring lessons from Jesus' prayer life, learning deeper approaches to personal prayer, and embracing the promise of intimacy with God.

**The Church and People with Disabilities:**

**Awareness, Accessibility, and Advocacy**

*Led by Peggy Hansen, St. Andrew UMC, Carol Stream*



Learn the multitude of issues connected with disabilities – which cross all lines of gender, orientation, ethnicity, socioeconomic position, age, and culture – and how they impact the church. This course instructs Lay Servants on how to identify ways that your church can do more on a local level to promote awareness, inclusion, and advocacy for people with disabilities with a goal of providing full accessibility to services and opportunities for everyone.

**Change the World – Special Course for Youth and Their Leaders**

*Team taught*



New to the Lay Academy, this course is made for youth and their leaders, looking at the 21st Century and beyond. Called “social holiness” by John Wesley, the true business of the church is to engage and empower disciples to fully embrace and live the biblical mandate to love like Jesus. Learn how to be the hands and feet of Jesus in our homes, our communities, and the outermost places of the world, to truly claim the message and mission of Jesus!

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