



## Life Together in the United Methodist Connection (Polity)



Offered by the  
Altoona District  
Lay Servant Ministry Committee  
2022-2023

This study consists of 5 Sessions in which we will explore some of the biblical roots of the church and how we as United Methodists organize ourselves to live together and do the work we are called to do. We will also begin preparing ourselves for the challenging and exciting times that lie ahead for the people called United Methodist in the twenty-first century.

This course meets the following requirements:

- “Polity” Course for those in the Certified Lay Speaker Track
- “One-Advanced-Course-Every-Three-Years” for the re-certification of Certified Lay Servants and Certified Lay Speakers
- “One-Advanced-Course-Every-Year” for the re-certification of Certified Lay Ministers

All 5 Sessions conducted simultaneously in-person at the Claysburg United Methodist Church, 802 Bedford Street, Claysburg, PA 16625 and online via ZOOM from 6p-8p.

1. September 1<sup>st</sup>  
“The Connectional Principle”
2. September 8<sup>th</sup>  
“The Episcopal Principle”
3. September 15<sup>th</sup>  
“Working Together Locally and Globally”
4. September 22<sup>nd</sup>  
“Beyond Annual Conference”
5. September 29<sup>th</sup>  
“For Such a Time as This”

Contact the Course Leader: Pastor Calvin Miller, with any questions via email at [cmiller@susumc.org](mailto:cmiller@susumc.org) or via cell phone, text or call, 814-470-2713. Registration Fee: \$35/person (1.0 CEU)

Required Text to be purchased by student: *“Polity, Practice, and the Mission of The United Methodist Church”* by Thomas Edward Frank available at [cokesbury.com](http://cokesbury.com) and [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), ISBN: 978-0-687-33531-2.

Optional text may be purchased by student: *“2016 Book of Discipline,”* ISBN: 978-1-501-83321-2

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Registration Form  
(please print legibly and return with Registration fee)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Best Phone  Cell  Landline: \_\_\_\_\_

Alt. Phone  Cell  Landline: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Church: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Pastor: \_\_\_\_\_

District: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration deadline: September 30<sup>th</sup>

Mail course fee (\$35) payable to “Altoona District UMC” and registration form to:

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