

SEASON'S GREETINGS!



It's Time to Recognize Our Learners!

In this newsletter we celebrate our learners who reached BeADisciple milestones in 2025.

Every effort has been made to be as accurate and complete as possible in these recognitions. Any necessary additions or corrections will be included in the next monthly BeADisciple.com newsletter.

COMPLETED ALL FOUR CERTIFIED LAY MINISTRY MODULES WITH BEADISCIPLE.COM

Janet Arnett | James Bauman | Mary Bousquet | Jeffrey Cedarfield
Juanita Christian | Regina Cole | Christine Erickson | Joanne Finnell
Bruce Flanburg | John Fourhman | Cayetano Garcia | Janie Glover
Rebecca Leanne Gruss | Lucinda Haag | Kenyetta Hardy | Kristen Harlin
Phil Hebrink | Joy Helmold | Larry Herrmann | Barbara Hill | Richelle Holland
Laura Laible | Barbara Lavigne | Doreen Lefever | Katherine Loomis | Carolyn Lopez

Jessica Mastriana | Rhonda McKimpson | Valerie McLeod-Katz
Gayla Sue Mendez | Helena Middleton | Steve Milam | Deborah Miles | Jerry Miller
Timothy Morris | Lisa Pentecost | Janis Percefull | William Phelps | Jamie Ramos
Oswald Reid | Eric Riggerbach | Caitlyn Romshak | Tracy Rose | Adrienne Russell
John Schnackenberg | Carolyn Schoolfield | Stephanie Schrom | Margaret Sherman
Melissa Simpson | Bradley Smith | Angela Sparks | Kenneth Sparks
Lynda Strange | Tabitha Timity | Scott Tipton | James Weatherall | Lexine Wigfall
Cory Yaeger | Tasha Young

WESLEY ACADEMY: WESLEYAN EMPHASIS

John R. Allen | David Frye | Dara Johnson | Bonnie Jones
Virginia Mills | Kendra Powell

WESLEY ACADEMY: THEOLOGY EMPHASIS

Jodi Fischer | Jay Orr

CERTIFICATION IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Doreen Collins | Carolyn Williams | Tanner Bowles

CERTIFICATION IN EVANGELISM

Annabelle Cruz | Ed L. Deitzler | Janine Gilham-Ware | Clinton Miller
Margaret Psencik | William Woods

CERTIFICATION IN GRIEF CARE

June Billman | Elaine Brenneman | Billie Fitzsimmons | Edith Mayfield
Lorrie Palmer | Christine Vause | Sarah Zarbock

CERTIFICATION IN MUSIC MINISTRY

Heather Bauer | Megan Burton | David English | Eliud Vasquez

CERTIFICATION IN SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Stephania Gilkey | Joseph Kwiatkowski | Jay Orr | Kay Sevick | Timothy Tapp

CERTIFICATION IN SPIRITUAL GIFTS

Grace Dean | Denise Drumwright

CERTIFICATION IN WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Joan Connor | Kimberly Rice Smith

CERTIFICATION IN WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Becky Becker | Susan Gannon | Gail Gorrey | Donald Gray | Jennifer Harmer Lisa
Peterson | Denise Robinson Jenkins | Ben Savage

COMPLETED TEN OR MORE COURSES IN 2025

Joan Connor | Bruce A Mills | Jay Orr | Linda Van Til

COMPLETED SIX OR MORE COURSES IN 2025

Susan Berg | John Brewer | Kenneth Bridges | Regina Cole | Judy Dorn
Belinda Dorrance | William Elliott | Sarah Erskine | Joanne Finnell | Joan Hash
Mark Henson | Rachel Hewitt | De Keimach | Laura Laible | Melissa Lewis
Virginia Mills | Mark Nation-Ellis | Linda Powell-Owens | John Schnackenberg
Todd Steiner | Janet Sutter | Ruth Tamulonis | Lexine Wigfall
Carolyn Williams | Dawn Wittfelt

**We see and celebrate with you!
Thank you for a great year!**

*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
from the BeADisciple Staff!*

***Start the New Year With
a Wesley Academy Course
That Will Engage Mind, Heart, and Spirit***

Women Speak of God



About the Course

Learn how Christians in different cultures, different time periods, and different social locations have told their faith stories. Amy Oden, professor of the History of Christianity and Dean of Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC, presents video lectures on six Christian women who wrote about their faith. This course explores how we, as members of the Christian family, tell our "family stories." It also helps us to examine our own faith and to articulate our own experiences of God.



Course Details

8 Weeks \$160
1.5 CEUs Starts 1/19

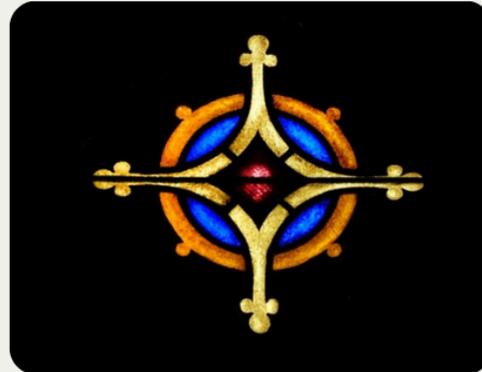
[Explore Course](#)

Passionately Christian, Compassionately Interreligious



About the Course

Cultivate a presence in the world that is passionately Christian as well as compassionately interreligious, allowing you to build community in this world with confidence and graciousness. Expand your religious knowledge through a respectful study of core beliefs and practices of the major world religions, challenge and enhance our spiritual practice by learning from God's witnesses in different places, and provoke theological wisdom that can rejoice in the particularity of Christ while respectfully celebrating the universality of God.



Course Details

12 Weeks **\$165**
2.0 CEUs **Starts 1/26**

[Explore Course](#)

Additional Wesley Academy Courses to Consider

Feb. 9: *Methodist Identity: Our Story*

Feb. 16: *In God's Time: The Bible and the Future*

Enroll in Upcoming Lay Servant Ministry Courses

Each of these courses has been approved by Discipleship Ministries as an advanced Lay Servant Ministries course, but enrollment is not limited to those needing LSM credit.

January Courses

Jan. 5: *Leading Bible Study: Biblical Interpretation*

Jan. 5: *Living Our United Methodist Beliefs*

Jan. 12: *From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon (Saturday Zoom)*

Jan. 12: *From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon (Friday Zoom)*

Jan. 12: *Biblical Storytelling II*

Jan. 19: *Teaching Sacred Tension in Local Congregations*

Jan. 19: *Opening Ourselves to Grace: Basic Christian Practices*

Jan. 26: *For the Common Good: Discovering and Using Your Spiritual Gifts*

Jan. 26: *Lay Pastoral Caregiving (NEW COURSE)*

Jan. 26: *Come to the Table*

February Courses

Feb. 2: *Devotional Life in the Wesleyan Tradition*

Feb. 2: *Rediscovering Our Spiritual Gifts*

Feb. 9: *Creating a Discipleship Growth Plan to See All the People (NEW COURSE)*

Feb. 9: *Leading Public Prayer*

Feb. 16: *Teaching Biblical Faith: Leading Small Group Bible Studies*

Feb. 16: *Called to Preach (Friday Zoom)*

Feb. 16: *Earn. Save. Give. (NEW COURSE)*

Feb. 16: *Becoming Accountable Disciples*

Feb. 23: *God's Mission, Our Journey*

Feb. 23: *Proclaiming Scripture With a Storytelling Spirit for Lent*

Certified Lay Ministry Courses Begin Soon

If you are seeking certification as a **Certified Lay Minister** in the United Methodist church, check out these upcoming dates to get started with the first module of this program. Be sure to read the **CLM page** for pre-course requirements.

Jan. 5 - 18, 2026: Module One: Call and Covenant for Ministry

Jan. 26 - Feb. 8, 2026 (course enrollment opens in mid-January)

Feb. 23 - March 8, 2026 (course enrollment opens in mid-March)

[Explore All Courses](#)

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