

 <h2 style="text-align: center;">Lay Servant Ministries Certified Lay Speaker Track Flow Chart</h2>			
Step 1: Certified Lay Servant recommended for Certified Lay Speaker Track by pastor and church council or charge conference?			
Decision: Yes	Result: Enter Certified Lay Speaker Track	Decision: No	Result: Not considered for certification as a Lay Speaker - Remain Certified Lay Servant
Step 2: Completed required courses for lay speaker track (leading prayer, leading worship, discovering spiritual gifts, preaching, United Methodist Heritage, and United Methodist Polity)?			
Decision: Yes	Result: Interview with District Committee on LSM	Decision: No	Result: Not considered for certification as a Lay Speaker - Remain Certified Lay Servant
Step 3: District Committee on LSM recommends certification as a Lay Speaker?			
Decision: Yes	Result: Await certification from Conference Committee on LSM	Decision: No	Result: Not considered for certification as a Lay Speaker - Remain Certified Lay Servant
Step 4: Approved by Conference Committee on LSM as a Certified Lay Speaker			
Decision: Yes	Result: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certified as a Lay Speaker for pulpit supply • Submit annually renewal application/report as for a Certified Lay Servant • Complete an advanced LSM course at least once every 3 years • For re-certification as a lay speaker, go before the district committee on LSM for interview and recommendation to Conference Committee on LSM every 3 years 	Decision: No	Result: Not considered for Lay Speaker role - Remain Certified Lay Servant