

**Peaks Sub-district Fall 2008 Lay Ministry Training Classes**  
**Saturday, October 4, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Sunday, October 5, 2 – 5 p.m.**  
**Trinity United Methodist Church, 801 N. Cleveland, Loveland**

**Four Exciting Ten-Hour Leading and Learning Opportunities – ALL LAITY INVITED!**

**“Accountable Discipleship”**

This course focuses on the concept of the household of God, the importance of Scripture as divine revelation, Wesleyan understandings of grace, and the importance of the class leader in the development of the Methodist movement. Participants will be encouraged to look at their own faith community and see how it is, (or is not) a reflection of genuine Christian community. [Also an approved advanced lay speaking course]

**Class Leaders: John Dietz and Carolyn Tarman.** Both are active members at FUMC, Greeley, are certified lay speakers, and serve in leadership roles in their church, Peaks Sub-district, and in Rocky Mountain Conference.

**“Reclaiming the “E” Word - Building a Faith-Sharing Congregation”**

The task of the church is to make disciples, and the role of the congregation is primary, for the climate of the congregation either proclaims Christ or convinces people otherwise. Participants will consider their own church’s “E” score, that is, welcoming, including, and making disciples, and consider a strategy for the congregation as evangelist. There will be ample opportunity for individual and group discussion. [Also an approved advanced lay speaking course]

**Class Leaders: Rev. Claire Drewes and Linda Freund.** Rev. Drewes was ordained as an elder in full connection in the Oregon-Idaho Conference prior to her transfer to Rocky Mountain Conference and appointment at Lyons UMC effective July 1, 2008. Linda Freund is a provisional deacon in the Or-Id Conference, and is completing her Master of Divinity at Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colorado.

**“Lay Speakers Tell Stories”**

Lay speakers will learn what constitutes a good story, discover their storytelling styles, learn the techniques of effective storytelling, and practice creating stories from their own experiences. This course will be a valuable tool for all who wish to enhance their own verbal ‘word picture’ skills. Text for this course is *Dancing With Words*, written by Native American storyteller, Ray Buckley. [Approved advanced lay speaking course]

**Class Leaders: Rev. Mark L. Heiss and Chuck Keim.** Rev. Heiss is an ordained elder and has served pastorates in Rocky Mountain Conference since 1984. He was appointed to a two church charge at Mead UMC and First UMC, Platteville, on July 1, 2008. Chuck is an active member at Lyons UMC, serves on the Peaks Leadership Team, and is a local church lay speaker.

**“Lay Speaking Ministries – Basic Course”**

This required introductory course in lay speaking ministries focuses on leading, caring, and communicating, and is designed for those who are called to serve in a speaking role, particularly during worship. It is a valuable overview to the advanced courses available. Recommendation by the pastor is required for enrollment in the basic lay speaking course.

**Class Leaders: Rae Batch and Janet Cook.** Rae is a member at First UMC, Ft Collins, is a certified lay speaker, and serves as the Peaks Sub-district Director of Lay Speaking Ministries. Jan is an active member at First UMC, Windsor, and is a certified lay speaker. She is also a 4H leader and judge, and provides dog-assisted therapy for needy school children.

**Questions??? Call Rae Batch, (970) 224-0400 or send email to [rmlbatch@aol.com](mailto:rmlbatch@aol.com)**

**ENROLLMENT FORM**

**Indicate Course Choice Below (Choose only one)**

- Accountable Discipleship, Fee \$35.00
- Reclaiming the “E” Word, Building a Faith-Sharing Congregation, Fee \$35.00
- Lay Speakers Tell Stories, Fee \$35.00
- Lay Speaking Ministries-Basic Course, Fee \$30.00

**Pre-registration and advance payment required. Checks must be payable to Rocky Mountain Conference. Mail registration and check to R.M.Batch, 1700 Glenwood Dr, Ft. Collins, CO 80526. Must be received by Sept. 29.**

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