



## **What is a Certified Lay Minister?**

Certified lay ministers (CLMs) are within the entry of ministry who have answered God's call on their life through a concrete and long-term commitment to the church. Some CLMs serve as part of the leadership platform for choirs, support groups, bible studies, and other duties that a pastor may request within the congregations. Others engage in specific ministry projects in their own local church.

All CLMs work as part of a ministry team and under the direct supervision of an ordained pastor.

Certified lay ministers are assigned by the council, district superintendent and/or local pastor as part of a ministry team. Depending on their skills and calling, their ministry role may include any of the following:

- Conducting public worship
- Caring for the congregation
- Assisting in program leadership
- Developing new and existing faith communities
- Preaching the Word
- Leading small groups
- Establishing community outreach ministries

Becoming a CLM means joining a community, faith-base organization or the local church body who are making a similar commitment to live out their call in a way that is both concrete and long-term. It also means committing to a process that includes training, support, supervision, and accountability.

The process to become a CLM takes a full year; to remain certified, CLMs participate in an annual review process and renew every year.