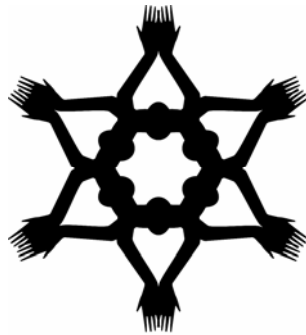


LAY MINISTRY INSTITUTE

*"There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit;
and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord;
and there are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.
To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit
for the common good." (1 Cor. 12:4-7)*



A Program of the Montana Association of Churches

What is the MAC Lay Ministry Institute?

The MAC Lay Ministry Institute is a series of courses designed to help lay leaders grow spiritually and carry out the work of Christ within the context of a congregation. Students may take one course, a few courses, or all 12 over a two-year period. Each course is held on the weekend and consists of ten contact hours. Class sessions begin at 7:00 on Friday evening and end at 6:00 on Saturday night. Some courses may be taught via video teleconferencing. Courses are held at two or three sites so students need not travel long distances. Each site may have different teachers, different texts to read in preparation for the course, and different required pre- and post class written assignments, but all classes will cover the questions listed in the course descriptions.

Which denominational bodies participate in the MAC Lay Ministry Institute?

American Baptists
Disciples of Christ
Episcopalians
United Church of Christ

Presbyterian Church USA
Evangelical Lutherans
United Methodists
Roman Catholics

Scholarships may be available from your denominational office.

What courses are offered?

There are twelve courses. A class takes place every other month. "Preaching" is taught over two weekends. You may start at any point in the course cycle. The units are

September	Called by God
November	Overview of the Old Testament
January	Overview of the New Testament
March	Part One of Preaching – How to Prepare, Write and Preach Sermons
May	Part Two of Preaching – How to Prepare, Write and Preach Sermons
July	Worship and Music in the Small Church
September	Education Ministry – Teaching for Transformation
November	Congregational Dynamics
January	Caring for the People of the Church
March	The Body of Christ – Connecting to the Ecumenical Church
May	Mission and Evangelism
July	Nuts and Bolts of Effective Administrative Leadership