

## Notes from Bi-District Training Day Lunchtime Lay Leader Session

January 18, 2020

### Thoughts on the role of the lay leader:

Assist planning and leading worship

Be eyes and ears for the pastor(s)

Assess congregation for gifts, potential new leaders

Visit people in hospital, shut ins

Serve Communion

Shepherd each other

Help each other grow

May have multiple lay leaders in the church

For each service

Lay leader "on duty"

Role of lay leader needs to fit each church

Work together with pastor(s)

Meals together

Share resources

District and Conference websites

Newsletters

Understand roles of lay servant, lay minister, lay speaker

No one size fits all

Introduce new pastors to the "culture" of the church

Serve on SPRC, work hand in hand with the chair

Know the church's community, "mapping"

Be visible

Be ready and able to change/adapt

## Hopes/Plans for 2020

Focus on God's love

Bring healing

Time to vision together

Mission and Ministry

Involve others

Encourage members to become disciples

Attend workshops, continue learning

Need/want commitment from church members

Address anxiety, help work through challenges

Be inclusive of all, regardless of race, gender, orientation, politics etc.

Know the "connections" of the church

Be in conversation

Repurpose for current needs

Overcome "burn out"

## Requests

Guidelines for what a lay leader does

Vision for 2020

Build on this

Cluster meetings

Mentoring

Partner with other churches/leaders

Time for reflection