



## LAY SPEAKING MINISTRIES TRAINING

Northwest District, North Texas Conference

Dates: September 10 and 11, 2011

**Bowie First United Methodist Church, 1515 N Jefferson St Bowie, TX 76230**

Registration/Check-In 8:00 am, Classes begins at 8:30a and end about 4:00 p Saturday  
Sunday: Classes starts back up at 2:00a and concludes with Service of Commitment at 5:00p

Please invite family, friends, and your pastor!

**Advance Registration Receipt Deadline: August 31, 2011**

(Late registrants accepted, Cost of the course is \$10.00 pay beginning day)

**EVERYONE** will be responsible for purchasing their own text, Cokesbury carries these and has proven to be the less expensive place to find them. [www.cokesbury.com](http://www.cokesbury.com) or 1-800-409-5346)

Text for Adult Basic –

**Lay Speaking Ministries Basic Course** by Sandy Zeigler Jackson with Brian Jackson 978-0-88177-552-5

This basic course is the foundation for all the other texts in the *Learning & Leading* series for lay speakers. In this new basic course, you are encouraged to recognize and employ personal spiritual gifts for the church in order to use them as God fully intended. Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a group that holds members accountable in discipleship. It offers guidelines for best practices as a church leader and outlines a number of ministries in which you as lay speakers may assume roles.

**OR**

Text for Lay Pastoral Care Giving Advanced Course:

**Lay Pastoral Care Giving** by Tim Farabaugh 9780881775549

How do we learn to care for others in the community -- whether the community of faith or the extended community? Some people seem to have natural gifts, but most of us can learn to show caring and to improve our caring skills. Farabaugh's work offers insights into the life span and into the dynamics of contemporary life to help us reach out with God's love and care to others. Farabaugh offers a systemic way for caring to happen within congregational life. By using this resource, overworked pastors will find personal respite in the use of caring gifts among the laity in the church. This text is broken down into two parts. The first contains an overview of caring ministries by means of a daylong retreat. In the second part Farabaugh gives plans for an ongoing series of monthly meetings to cover a variety of topics in congregational care.

Lunch will be served on Saturday by one of the classes at Bowie!

Please include your address and your email address with your registration. We will be emailing/ mailing assignments for the courses. Email or mail registration to [mkcorley@ntin.net](mailto:mkcorley@ntin.net) or Kathy Corley P O Box 278, Saint Jo, TX 76265, see separate page for registration form.