

Achieving Your Lay Education Certification

When you are finishing the required classes in the Certification Program, there are a few final steps. If you have any questions, please email the Dean of Schools, Rev. Gene McAfee, at deanofschools@eoawraucc.org.

Schedule an interview with the Steering Committee to approve your certification. You will need to write a brief summary, sharing your journey through the program. This should be no more than 1-2 pages. What stands out as you look back? What courses were particularly helpful? How are you different than when you began? As you think back on your sense of call at the beginning of the program, what has been confirmed for you and/or what is different? What do you see as your next steps?

Request the interview by sending an email or letter, including your summary paper, to the Lay Education Coordinator, Mabelle Miller, at mabelle@eoawraucc.org. The Steering Committee will then contact you to schedule the date and time for your certification interview.

Following approval of the committee, a letter will be sent to your local church affirming your accomplishment and encouraging that it be recognized at a worship service. A liturgy for that purpose is available. Please bring the name and address of who would be the best person to receive that letter to your interview.

If you would like an opportunity to reflect and listen for what God is leading you to do with your Lay Education experience, a discernment session can be scheduled. This is an opportunity to sit silently and prayerfully with a member of the Eastern Ohio or Western Reserve Association Discernment Team, who will guide you through this time. Your pastor and another person significant in your life can be there to support you during this session. Sessions are scheduled quarterly.

Ministry Paths courses are available for persons who experience a sense of call for further training. This can be to a particular area of church leadership, such as nursing home chaplaincy, adult education, faith formation, or licensed ministry. A Plan of Formation will be developed with those who experience the call to continue on.