

York River District
Lay Speaking Ministries
Presents:

Lay Servant Training Event
An Advance Course – “Christian Apologetics”
Instructor – Charles (CG) Miller, CLS

Saturday, September 24, 2011
7:00 am – 5:00 pm
Crooks Memorial UMC
204 Cook Road, Yorktown, VA. 23690
(757-898-6702)

PLEASE PRINT THIS FORM AND COMPLETE INFORMATION LEGIBLY:

Name: (first) _____ (middle initial) _____ (last) _____

Home Address: _____ (city) _____ (zip) _____

Home Telephone Number: (_____) _____ - _____

E-mail Address: _____

(We will keep you aware of required changes and upcoming training events by email)

Church you attend: _____ located in City/County _____

Completed Basic Course Yes or No Basic Completion Date _____

Basic Lay Speaking Course is required for certification and credit for Advance Training

Cost for Registration: \$ 30.00 (Includes book, continental breakfast, snacks and lunch)
(Please bring paper and pens/pencils as needed)

Register by mail:

Please make all checks to “York River District UMC” and send with your completed registration forms to the District Office – PO Box 11108, Newport News, Va. 23601-9108.

Registration must be received by Friday, September 16. No walk in registrations accepted.
Questions ? Please contact: York River District Office, 757-596-3476.

Please arrive by 7:00 am on Saturday, September 24 for check in:

Hours of course: Saturday 7:30 am to 5:00 pm. Lunch will be provided at this event.

You must attend the all day session to qualify for an Advance Course Certification.

Continental Breakfast available during registration. Breaks will be provided during the day.

This book will be available to you at check in. The book will be covered during the course.

About the Book: “Guide to Christian Apologetics” by Doug Powell.

Summary of this course: Jesus said; “*Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.*” (Mark 16:15) (NRSV) The charge of the Christian is not to withdraw from the world and lead an insular life. Rather, we are to be engaged in the culture, to be salt and light. Christian apologetics is neither a new practice nor is it unbiblical. In fact, it is not only modeled in the New Testament, but it is also commanded. The Greek word *apologia*, which is where we get our word *apologetics*, is used to describe a defense, as a legal defense or making a case. In the New Testament it is translated as *defense* or *vindication*.

In today's pluralistic society, not every approach to sharing the gospel will work with all people. Being ready to give reasons for the hope we have in Christ means understanding the contextual framework of the people we are addressing. In the "Guide to Christian Apologetics," Renaissance man Doug Powell defends the Christian faith in a new key; taking time honored approaches in apologetics and freshly presenting them for a new generation.

Chapters include: 1. What Is Apologetics? 2. The Cosmological Argument for God's Existence 3. The Teleological Argument for God's Existence 4. The Axiological Argument for God's Existence 5. Which God Exists? 6. Where Did the New Testament Come From? 7. Is the New Testament Reliable? 8. Extra Biblical Evidence for Jesus 9. Is the Old Testament Reliable? 10. The Fulfillment of Prophecy 11. What About Miracles? 12. Was Jesus Raised from Death? 13. Did Jesus Claim to Be God? Is He the Only Way? 14. How can God allow Evil, Pain, and Suffering?

Who should take this course: Pastors and Laity are encouraged to take this course together. The process of working together does not end with this course, but this is a beginning of a “team effort” that will benefit the pastors and laity alike as well as those that are being served by them.

You do not need to be a Lay Speaker to take this course, but to receive certification you must be a Lay Speaker.



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... equipping the laity
to realize and respond to
their call to ministry**