

Lay Leadership Certificate Program

Who is this program for? This program is for members of local Seventh Day Baptist churches.

Is this a totally new program? No. The basis for this material is the CALLED program, which was successfully administered by the Board of Christian Education for many years. Over those years, some of the original class materials have gone out of print and others needed to be updated. This program represents the revamped program that came as a result.

Are there any prerequisites for this program? No. The program assumes only that the person is active in a local church and that the church is willing to invest in their training.

Who teaches the class material? The program material is taught for the church member by a pastor or leader in the local church.

How many classes are there in the program? There are 8 required classes; 7 required classes + 1 elective. The list of classes can be found below.

- SDB Church Life
- SDB Distinctives
- Practical Theology and Ministry
- Bible Interpretation & Teaching
- Leading/Discipling/Shepherding/Counseling
- Teaching in the Small Group Environment
- Communicating the Gospel in Public (new to this tier)
- A choice of one class from a group of electives focused on specific areas of local church ministry, including: Church Planting, Missions, Diaconate Training, etc.

Is there an age requirement for the program? Yes. Students for this program must be 18 years old.

Who administers this program? The program is administered by the Christian Education Council

What does the program cost? The church and student must pay for the class materials. Beyond that cost, an additional administrative fee \$30 is recommended

Is there a credential or recognition given at the end of the class? Those who successfully complete the program will be honored by a certificate honoring their achievement from the Christian Education Council.

When will the program be available? September 1, 2016

Who do I contact for more information? Local church members interested in the training should contact their pastors. Pastors looking to begin students in the program should call or email the Director of Education & History, Nick Kersten, for more information: nkersten@seventhdaybaptist.org or (608) 752-5055, ext. 1006.