LAITY SUNDAY THEMES
QUADRENNIUM (2017-2020)

2017: Therefore, Go!: With HOPE Through Hospitality
2018: Therefore, Go!: With HOPE Through Offering Christ
2019: Therefore, Go!: With HOPE Through Purpose
2020: Therefore, Go!: With HOPE Through Engagement

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HISTORY OF LAYMEN’S DAY/LAITY SUNDAY THEMES

Laymen’s Day Themes 1929-1932
1929: The Benevolences
1930: A Man and His Church
1931: The Way to Spiritual Power
1932: The Ideal Layman

Laymen’s Day Themes 1933-1935
1933: This Stewardship Interpretation of Life
1934: The Mission of the Christian Church
1935: We Are in a Fight for: the Christian Family, a Christian Economic Order, a Sober Nation, and a Warless World

Laymen’s Day Themes 1936-1940
1936-1939: Work done by Evelyn Burry notes that five things were mentioned in a general statement for these years and they are:
   1. Laymen and Evangelism,
   2. Spiritualizing Church Finance,
   3. A Fellowship Church,
   4. Why Go to Church?, and
   5. Adequate Support of the Ministry
1940: Christian Stewardship

Laymen’s Day Themes 1941-1944
1941: Stewardship in Action
1942: Methodist Men and the Mission of the Church
1943: Methodist Men in World Reconstruction
1944: The Church at Its Best

Laymen’s Day Themes 1945-1948
1945: The Church Meeting Its Responsibility: For Ministerial Supply; to the Homeland; to the World
1946: Our Timeless Mandate to Serve, to Seek, to Save
1947: Our Accountability to God
1948: Learning to Live the Christian Life

Laymen’s Day Themes 1949-1952
1949: I Am a Methodist
1950: A Layman's Faith
1951: When a Layman Worships
1952: Methodist Men as Builders of the Kingdom
Laymen’s Day Themes 1953-1956
1953: Christ Calls Men
1954: A Time for Decision
1955: Be Ye Doers
1956: The Truth Shall Make You Free

Laymen’s Day Themes 1957-1960
1957: My Father's Business
1958: Seek Ye First
1959: You Have Been Called
1960: Always Be Prepared

Laymen’s Day Themes 1961-1964
1961: You Shall Be My Witness
1962: As Good Stewards
1963: Your Neighbor as Yourself
1964: Able to Stand

Laymen’s Day Themes 1965-1968
1965: Go, Inquire Concerning the Book
1966: The Servant Hood of the Church
1967: Christ’s Ambassador
1968: The Urgent Fellowship

Laymen’s Day Themes 1969-1972
1969: Power by Action
1970: Common faith – Common Commitment
1971: Unto the Least of These
1972: Who? Me?

Laity Sunday* Themes 1973-1976
1973: Called – Together
1974: What Shall I Do?
1975: Shaping Our National Life
1976: A Nation Under God
*By the 1972 edition of the Book of Discipline, Laymen's Day was renamed the gender-neutral Laity Sunday

Laity Sunday Themes 1977-1980
1977: God's People
1978: God's People: Called to Serve
1979: God's People: Called to Witness
1980: God's People: Called to Be the Church

Laity Sunday Themes 1981-1984
1981: Laity Leadership Means You
1982: Laity in Leadership Means Risking
1983: Servants Entrance
1984: Ordinary People in Extraordinary Ministry
Laity Sunday Themes 1985-1988
1985: Living As Disciples in Our Homes
1986: Living As Disciples in Our Workplaces
1987: Living As Disciples in Our Neighborhoods
1988: Living As Disciples in Our World

Laity Sunday Themes 1989-1992
1989: We Are Called and Gifted
1990: We Are Called to Connect Faith and Action
1991: We Are Called to Holy Living
1992: We Are Called to Life in God's Service

Laity Sunday Themes 1993-1996
1993: Rejoice! God's People Sing for Joy
1994: Rejoice! God's people Serve with Compassion
1995: Rejoice! God's People Speak with Conviction
1996: Rejoice! God's People Share with Love

Laity Sunday Themes 1997-2000
1997: Partners in Ministry – Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the Church
1998: Partners in Ministry – Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in Daily Life
1999: Partners in Ministry – Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the Community
2000: Partners in Ministry – Making Disciples for Jesus Christ in the World

Laity Sunday Themes 2001-2004
2001: Partners in Ministry: Setting the Table
2002: Partners in Ministry: All God’s People Welcoming the Stranger
2003: Partners in Ministry: Telling God’s Story
2004: Partners in Ministry: All God’s People Singing the Song and Living the Life

Laity Sunday Themes 2005-2008
2005: One in Spirit, All in Ministry: In the Spirit of Discipleship
2006: One in Spirit, All in Ministry: In the Spirit of Worship
2007: One in Spirit, All in Ministry: In the Spirit of Stewardship
2008: One in Spirit, All in Ministry: In the Spirit of Fellowship

Laity Sunday Themes 2009-2012
2009: Disciples Transforming the World; Through Prayers
2010: Disciples Transforming the World; Through Presence
2011: Disciples Transforming the World; Through Gifts
2012: Disciples Transforming the World; Through Service

Laity Sunday Themes 2013-2016
2013: Disciples Called to Action: Developing Effective Lay Leadership
2014: Disciples Called to Action: Engaging Small Groups
2015: Disciples Called to Action: Creating Unity in Ministry
2016: Disciples Called to Action: Living Vital Worship