

**LAITY SUNDAY THEMES
QUADRENNIUM (2021-2024)**

Laity Sunday Themes 2021-2024

2021: **RISE UP!—Revive** (II Tim. 1:3-7)
2022: **RISE UP!—Reveal** (II Tim. 1:8-12)
2023: **RISE UP!—Remain** (II Tim. 1:13)
2024: **RISE UP!—Retain** (II Tim. 1:14)

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

Laity Sunday Themes 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