

2009

North Coast District Co-Lay Speaker of the Year (2009): Jeffrey H. Day

Jeff Day was part of the confirmation class of 1959 when he became a member of Epworth-Euclid United Methodist Church in University Circle, Ohio. Epworth-Euclid is a church that welcomes and supports Lay Speakers and Jeff is also pleased to serve as the Director of the Lay Speaking Committee in the North Coast District of the UMC.

Jeff's nominating pastor, Rev. L. Chris Martin, wrote the following: "Jeff Day is spiritually-grounded, compassionate, and a nurturing caretaker in the house of the Lord. His passionate attention to detail, sensitivity to the needs of persons around him, perceptive visionary gifts, and support of the pastor and the entire staff of the church make him a true model of what our Lord called a 'faithful disciple'. Jeff has led in worship several times over the past year. He has had multiple opportunities to lead in the liturgical portions of the worship service and a number of opportunities to deliver the morning message over the years. The congregation appreciates his engaging style in the pulpit and this pastor appreciates not only his willingness to serve, but the degree of careful preparation that goes into each of his messages. Jeff is articulate and able to relate the message of the scripture to the lives of the members of the congregation. He is a skillful interpreter of the scriptures."

Jeff Day serves his church as chair of the Finance Committee, along with being a member of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and serving on the Board of Trustees. Apart from his committee work, Jeff is an usher and he also serves as coordinator of the college ministries program of Epworth-Euclid Church, which involves a Sunday morning class, once-a-month college luncheons, and several opportunities for social activities throughout the year.

In 2008, Jeff was instrumental in launching the new Center Stage Drama Ministry at Epworth-Euclid Church, acting as stage manger/producer for two productions during this past year. At the recent North Coast District Leadership Academy, Jeff taught a workshop on Lay Speaking which was well received. Jeff Day knows very well the importance of teamwork and he brings a unique perspective to the NCD Lay Speaker committee. He also serves as trustee and treasurer on the Board of UPCaM (United Protestant Campus Ministries) at Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University and Cuyahoga Community College.

Jeff Day is married to Catherine and they have two grown sons, Justin and Jeremy. Jeff has also found time beyond his business activities as the owner/associate of Financial Education Services, to serve as a unit commissioner with the Boy Scouts of America, as an active sponsor of the Western Reserve Emmaus & Northeast Ohio Chrysalis communities (having served in many and varied leadership capacities in the past), and is the President Elect of NAIFA/Cleveland (the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisers/Cleveland Chapter). When time permits, he enjoys art, drama, golf and reading.

All in all, Jeffrey H. Day has a heart for the Lord and allows his love of Jesus Christ to permeate every aspect of his daily living.