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## An Open Invitation

Dear Lay Servant in the Long Island District,

You are cordially invited to Wesley United Methodist Church in Franklin Square, New York to participate in Good Friday services. We are seeking volunteers to participate in the day's service and preach on one of the "Seven Last Words" of the cross on Friday, April 19, 2019. The Lay Servants here at Wesley will lead four of the messages. We are asking for three additional Lay Speakers from across the District to join them.

Recognizing that Good Friday sermons are traditionally delivered by clergy, this invitation recognizes the talents and grace of our laity. We wish to empower this laity as we all thrive to advance God's kingdom.

The service will be shorter than the usual "Seven Last Words" service, lasting no more than 1 hour and 15 minutes. Our bible marathon will start promptly at 12 pm and end at 1:40 pm. The Seven Last Words service will follow immediately at 1:45 pm and conclude by 3 pm. Please feel free to join us for both services, however, we only ask for participants in the "Seven Last Words". Please understand that each Lay Preacher's sermonette should not exceed more than 10 minutes.

If you feel God's calling to deliver a message, please contact Kevin Lloyd at (516) 775-6648 or <u>klloyd947@gmail.com</u>.

We welcome you with open arms to the Wesley United Methodist Church. Thank you in advance for considering participation.

Until we speak again, may peace and grace from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ be with you

Your servant in Christ

Rev. Dr. Ngoy and the Worship Committee

Chairperson, Pamela Fernandez

Kevin Lloyd, Lay Servant