



Sowing Seeds to Grow Tomorrow's Leaders

ABCNYS Region Offering 2023

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2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NIV)

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The Lay Study Program provided me the tools, knowledge, and confidence to use my gifts in a way I didn't know I could. And, I would not have had the financial resources to complete the program without scholarship assistance.

The tools gained have enhanced my service in my own church as moderator, deacon, trustee, and worship leader over the 30+ years since graduation. In addition to being pulpit supply when my pastor is away, I have preached in numerous other area churches. None of this would have happened without the Lay Study Program. I highly recommend this program!

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