

# FAQs for Ezra Lay Institute (ELi)

## What is Ezra Lay Institute (ELi)?

Ezra Lay Institute is a training center in Paya Lebar Methodist Church with the expressed aim to equip leaders with foundational theological understanding and ministry skills, rooted in the Wesleyan tradition. Our mission is to empower effective servant-leaders, foster spiritual growth, and impactful service within their church, communities, and the nations.

We achieve this aim through a program of theological education on a basic-level based sound doctrine, essential spiritual formations, Wesleyan perspectives, and academic excellence. Our program consists of 10 modules providing a comprehensive foundation for effective ministry and servant-leadership.

## Who should attend?

Ezra Lay Institute is open to individuals who are seeking to enhance their knowledge and skills, especially individuals who are serving in leadership roles in the church. This training is suitable for cluster leaders, cell leaders, and ministry leaders.

## What would I be learning?

The program consists of 10 modules that cover the essentials of theology, Bible, spiritual formation, and ministry skills. The different modules are listed here:

1. Foundation of Christian Theology
2. Survey of the Bible (OT & NT)
3. Bible Interpretation (Hermeneutics)
4. Missions and Evangelism
5. Christian Discipleship and Spiritual Formation
6. Cell Structure and Dynamics
7. Christian Leadership
8. Methodism
9. Ministry Electives
10. Ministry Internship

Each module comprises of lectures, tutorials, readings, and assignments. Students will also learn to apply their knowledge through practical applications during the class. Students will be assessed through a variety of ways, such as practicum and writing reflective papers.

## What is the format of the module?

Each module is 10 weekly sessions of 2 hours each week. Students are expected to devote another 2 hours weekly for their self-study and for doing their assignments. The total hours required for each module is 40 hours.

Students can choose to register as an audit or a credit student.

1. An audit student is an individual who enrolls in a module without the intention of earning credits or a grade. S/he attends classes, participates in discussions, and access course materials, but s/he does not complete assignments or exams.
2. A credit student is an individual who enrolls in a module with the intention of earning credits and a grade. S/he attends classes, completes assignments, and participates in exams and

assessments. A credit student will be awarded a certificate upon completion of the course and upon fulfilling all its requirements.

### Should I choose audit or credit?

If you want to learn merely for personal interest or development, auditing a course may be an option. If you desire to earn academic credit that will lead to a certificate, enrolling as a credit student is the correct choice. It is essential to consider your goals and needs before deciding whether to enroll as an audit or credit student. If you have any questions or concerns, our team is here to help you make an informed decision.

### Who are the lecturers and trainers?

The modules are taught by the pastors and the ministry staff in Paya Lebar Methodist Church or invited lecturers who specialized in the respective areas. Lecturers and trainers are theologically trained and with experience in their respective areas.

### Where will the course be conducted?

All the courses will be conducted within the premise of Paya Lebar Methodist Church.

### How do I register?

You can register for the module when registration is opened. You can request a registration form from the church office or download it from our website ([plmc.org](http://plmc.org)). You must submit the completed form with the required documents to the registration office before the registration closes.

### Who can I approach if I have questions?

You can approach Kwang Meng personally, call him at 6285 1234, or email to him at [kwangmeng@plmc.org](mailto:kwangmeng@plmc.org).