

## LAITY rollo outline

The material included in these pages is meant to give you, the Rollista, something as a basic help in your presentation of the LAITY talk. You are encouraged to follow the outline guide for DIRECTION OF CONTENT, but NOT AS THE CONTENT itself.

This talk is the third talk of the first day and the succeeding lay talks build on this one. The tone of this presentation should be low key and the amount of time allotted is a maximum of 30 minutes. As you prepare your talk, please be sure to read all the supporting Scripture passages, then choose those passages which seem most appropriate for your rollo. When you give your rollo, please read the passages you choose as a part of your talk. Let God speak through His Word and tell how it relates to you and your experiences in life. Avoid sounding mechanical—it's your talk. Give it your own personal touch.

There are a few additional materials included that might be helpful to you. All material given to you is meant to guide your thinking while at the same time you have the freedom of your individual expression. God's Blessings be yours as you prepare for your presentation of the LAITY rollo.

### SYNOPSIS

The LAITY talk deals with the fact that the Christian layperson is called to be a part of Christ's Church, which was commissioned by Christ Himself personally, to use his/her God-given abilities and talents in working towards fulfilling that mission of proclaiming to the world that there is an answer for its deepest need—God's loving and gracious gift of Salvation from sin as provided through His Son, Jesus Christ.

### OUTLINE#3 LAITY: The Lay Person as the Church in the World

I. Introduction: There is a great problem in the world today; people are not living as God's Family.

A. There is a troubled world

(Give examples—news clippings, etc.)

1. There are needs and aspirations

2. There is searching for answers collectively but also as individuals.

B. Root of world's problems is in its separation from God

C. God's answer is Jesus [Psalm 10:14](#)

1. Individual—personal

2. Community—church

II. What is the Church?

A. Established by Christ [Eph. 2:20-22](#), [Matt. 16:18](#)

B. People—Body of Believers in Christ; it is alive—not buildings of wood or stone [Rom. 12:5](#), [Col. 1:24](#)

1. The Light, Salt, and Leavening of the world | [Peter 2:9](#)

2. United in spreading the hope and realizing the Love of God and His people [Eph. 4:15,16](#)

3. Imperfect [Phil. 3:12](#)

(A good place to use an illustration.)

'A true friend is one who sees right through you and doesn't mind the show.'

I am the Church — You are the Church.

C. Empowered by Christ [Matt. 16:18](#)

III. Church has Mission [Eph. 3:10,11](#) — Evangelize—bring world to Christ [Matt. 28:19,20](#)

A. Proclamation [Mark 16:15](#), [Acts 10:42](#)

- B. Witness [Acts 22:15](#)
- C. Worship [Psalm 95:6,7](#), [Psalm 99:5](#)
  - 1. Private–personal
  - 2. Communal–nourishes personal
- D. Fellowship [Gal. 2:9](#), I [John 1:3](#)
- E. Nurture I [Peter 2:9](#), [Acts 2:42](#), I [Thess. 2:11,12](#)
- F. Service [Gal. 5:13,14](#)

#### IV. A Lay Person as Part of the Body of Christ–the Church

- A. Is a sinner redeemed by God's Grace and, as a Christian, lives a life that reflects the love of Jesus.
- B. Every Christian is a minister of Christ in the Ministry of Service. In [Matt. 20:28](#), an example is given by Christ to serve others. We must give of ourselves to others by using the gifts, talents, and abilities given to us by God. I Cor. 12

#### V. God's Gifts to His Children

- A. They differ–not the same for all people I Cor. 12, I Cor. 14, [Romans 12:6-8](#)
- B. They are related - all parts needed I Cor. 12, to supplement and/or complement each other with weaknesses and strengths.  
(An example is appropriate here.)
- C. They need to be:
  - 1. Discovered - God called you where you are with a purpose
  - 2. Dedicated - for the glory of God or for self? For welfare of the Church or for my desires?
  - 3. Developed - God equips us for each task; to receive encouragement; Learn from those who have gone on before us.
  - 4. Deployed - in the Church and in the world.

#### VI. Clergy-Laity Distinctions/Ministry Together

- A. Clergy (Shepherd I [Peter 5:1-3](#))
  - 1. Called by God to help equip saints for ministry [Eph. 4:11-13](#)
  - 2. Ministry is indispensable, but is not meant to perform total ministry of Christ
- B. Laity (Sheep [Psalm 100:3](#), [Psalm 95:7](#))

Also called by God to help prepare all His people for service [Eph. 4:11-16](#)

- C. Both are called to a Supernatural Work but only God can change lives of men and women. [Isaiah 50:4](#), Col. 3:ib, I [Sam. 16:7](#), [Jer. 24:7](#), [Heb. 4:12](#)

#### VII. What is my Role?

- A. Ministry is 'to serve'. [Matt. 20:28](#)
- B. Need to use our abilities and talents to bring people to Christ [Romans 12:6-8](#)
- C. Call to self-giving in Christ I [Cor. 15:58c](#)

I was always complaining that my work was being interrupted until I realized that my interruptions were my work.

#### ADDITIONAL NOTES/MATERIALS THAT MIGHT BE HELPFUL — LAITY

The LAITY talk provides the framework for the rest of the lay talks. Other lay talks build on this one as a program to follow to find that effective place in the mission of Christ's Church in the world. We have responsibility because we are members of that Body. God's call to live the Christian Ideal is to be part of the everyday experience of life. God has a place for each person and all Christians are called to do the work He gives them.

This talk is not meant to be profoundly theological or a lot of theory. But the speaker should be 'alive' when presenting this talk ...be excited that each has his own niche or part in working in God's Kingdom. God's call is to each of us as individuals and gives purpose for life as Christians.  
Little is much in the hands of God.  
Call to self-giving.