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Christian Education & Formation Newsletter

New Hampshire Conference - United Church of Christ

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Editor's Corner

As I prepared the Newsletter this month my heart was filled with the Words from 1 Corinthians 12.

I encourage you to (re)read this passage on discerning our Spiritual Gifts, celebrating our unity and diversity in Christ, and reminding us that we are all connected in God's universal and unconditional love.

Together may we continue to learn, share, and grow in our faith.
Ann.



World Communion Sunday - October 7, 2012

As I thought about World Communion Sunday and celebrating our global unity in Christ I was reminded that part of what unifies us is **sharing** the unique, individual gifts God has bestowed upon us. Whether it is your infectious smile, contagious laughter, propensity to prayer; whether you are a Martha (doer) or a Mary (discerning) remember that each and every one of us is called to share our gifts to build the Kingdom of God.

If you are looking for ideas that encourage all ages to learn more about our wider faith community and to participate together in a meaningful worship experience for World Communion Sunday visit the Global Ministries website at: <http://globalministries.org/resources/special-days/WCS/>.

UCC Christian Faith Formation Report

I am very excited to share the news that Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, Minister for Christian Faith Formation Research, has completed her report entitled, "Foundations, Findings, and Futures: Christian Faith Formation and Education in the United Church of Christ". This report is the product of over a year of research and offers a vision for the future of this ministry. The [complete report](#) and an [executive summary](#) are now available for download at <http://www.ucc.org/education/>.

This fall related constituencies will be reviewing and discussing the report to discern what the next steps are for Christian Education and Faith Formation in the United Church of Christ.

Continue to stay tuned for updates!

Celebrating Faith at Halloween



The Pumpkin Prayer

Dear Jesus,

As I carve my pumpkin, help me pray this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about you;

(Cut the top off the pumpkin,)

Take all my sin and forgive the wrong I do;

(Clean out the inside,)

Open my eyes so your love I will see;

(Cut eyes shaped like hearts,)

I'm sorry for times I've turned up my nose at what you've given to me;

(Cut a nose in the shape of a cross,)

Open my ears so your Word I will hear;

(Cut ears shaped like the Bible,)

Open my mouth to tell others you're near;

(Cut the mouth in the shape of a fish,)

Let you light shine in all I say and do! Amen.

(Place a candle inside and light it.)

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Resource Center

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Sacraments

"The Guide"

[Called To Educational and Formational Ministries: A Guide for Local Churches, Educators, and Youth Workers](#)

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Quick Links

The Association of United Church Educators (AUCE)
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Reminder

NHAUCE meets next
Wednesday
(see Events for more details)

Congratulations

to Debbie Gline Allen on her recent re-election as Chairperson of AUCE.

AUCE: A membership organization, of and for lay and ordained, paid and volunteer educators and youth workers, which provides advocacy and support for church education and educators in the United Church of Christ.

Looking for more ideas, go online and make use of CTA's [free resources](#) for turning the Pumpkin Prayer activity into an entire event.

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Our Whole Lives Training



Our Whole Lives is a series of programs for Human Sexuality Education. Written by professional sexuality educators, the programs provide accurate information for parents, teachers and pastors to use with children and young people to help them learn about sexuality in the affirming and supportive setting of our churches.

Local (NH) Training: Feb. 15-17, 2013

The First Church, UCC, in Nashua will offer a workshop to train teachers in how to teach participants about sexuality in age-appropriate ways. The workshop will focus on the curricula for grades 7-9 and grades 10-12. The training is limited to twenty people. [Click here](#) for additional information and a registration form.

A complete (nationwide) training schedule is available on the www.ucc.org website.

Employment Opportunities

Plymouth Congregational, UCC

We're looking for you; are you looking for us? Plymouth Congregational United Church of Christ is a mid-sized congregation in the heart of a university town, seeking a Christian Formation Director. If you're collegial, enthusiastic, and experienced in planning and follow-through, we pray that you'll send us your resume! 20 hrs/week including Sunday mornings; \$20K; Please contact us at: In_Formation@uccplymouth.org.

First Parish UCC, Somersworth, NH

First Parish UCC, Somersworth, NH, is seeking a part-time Christian Education Coordinator to provide leadership and creative ideas for Sunday School. Works closely with CE Committee, to help guide recruitment, training and support of teachers and develop leadership and program for youth group ministry. For further information, please contact Rachel Fournier at rachel4nier@comcast.net.

You may always visit the [Classified/Help Wanted Section](#) of the NHCUCC website for regular updates on employment opportunities throughout the Conference.

Events - September 2012

Safe Church Policies & Implementation
NHAUCE Meeting
10:00-11:30 AM September 19, 2012
NH Conference Center

Confirmation Roundtable
Sponsored by NHAUCE & CCL
9:30-11:30 AM September 26, 2012
NH Conference Center

Advent Workshop - facilitated by Rev. Maren C. Tirabassi
"Follow the Star and not the Stress!"
Sponsored by CCL ([Registration Required](#))

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM September 27, 2012
NH Conference Center

The Word of God

" Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it." 1 Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

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