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Christian Education & Formation Newsletter

New Hampshire Conference - United Church of Christ

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Editor's Corner

Inspirational Quotes for the month of January.

We all have our thorns.
We, and Life, have our moments.

Life occurs before our morning coffee.

Life occurs in our bathrobe with our hair uncombed.

Bless and give thanks for All of Life - the bloom and the thorns.

- Jonathan Lockwood Huie

Live with intention.
Walk to the edge.
Listen hard.

Practice wellness.
Play with abandon.
Laugh.

Choose with no regret.
Appreciate your friends.
Continue to learn.

Do what you love.
Live as if this is all there is.
- Mary Anne Radmacher

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"The Guide"

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

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Think Warm!

During this snap of bitter cold weather, why not turn your thoughts to warmer days. Planning early for **VBS 2013** will not only bring thoughts of sunshine, laughter, music and wonderful Bible stories, it can also save you money! Many publishers offer a discount on their VBS materials when you purchase early. Preview some of this year's offerings in the on-line resource center [VBS file](#).

Retreat Planning

Thinking about organizing a retreat for your Youth Group, Confirmation Class, Women or Men's Bible Study Group? At the January NHAUCE meeting we discussed that very topic. The group shared ideas on places to hold your retreat and participated in a guided discussion on best practices for planning such an event. [Click here](#) to view those suggestions.

Curricula & Group Resources: Martin Luther King, Jr.

Check out these two books available from the [UCC Resources Site](#).

We Will Get To The Promised Land, in which Lee explores the entire scope of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s spirituality: its roots, formation, growth, nature, character, and dynamics as well as its political aspects, which were shaped by his experience and influences.

The Great World House is Lee's second study on Martin Luther King, Jr., and explores the possibilities of King's ethics, based on his "great world house" concept, as a resource for constructive global ethics.

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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. [Click here](#) for additional information and a registration form. **Act Quickly!**

Church Educators (AUCE)
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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.

Registration is limited to twenty people and will close when the class reaches capacity.

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

Other Training and Renewal Opportunities

Prepared to Serve 2013 - "Love Into Action" February 23, 2013
Prepared To Serve is a training event including various workshops, exhibits, and fellowship for all church members in the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ. This year the event will be held on Saturday, February 23, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm at the Pembroke Academy. For additional information on the workshops and to register for the event online, visit: <http://www.cvent.com/events/prepared-to-serve-2013>

NEAUCE Conference - "Vibrant Colors of Faith" May 7-9, 2013
A conference for anyone who may be a Christian Educator, Youth Leader, Clergy, Lay person. Over three days you will have an opportunity to enjoy Worship, Music, Workshops, Fellowship, Friends and FUN. Join us on Cape Cod to hear Keynote Speaker, John Roberto and to meet our Special UCC National Guest, the Rev. Dr. Kristina Lizardy-Hajbi, National Faith Formation Researcher. The event brochure and online registration can be accessed at: <http://neauce.eventbrite.com>.

Events - March 2013

Confirmation Roundtable
Sponsored by NHAUCE & CCL
9:30-11:30 AM March 6, 2013
NH Conference Center

Youth Group - Planning for the Year
NHAUCE Meeting
10:00-11:30 AM March 20, 2013
NH Conference Center

The Word of God

"The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes; the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." Psalm 19:7-9 (NRSV)

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