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Editor's Corner

What Makes a Dad

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad.

~~Author Unknown~~

This month our focus is on the role of **Technology** in 21st Century Faith Formation. At the New England Association of United Church Educators (NEAUCE) Conference held May 7-9, 2013 our keynote speaker and workshop presenters shared insights on how to use digital resources to enhance our ministry.

Digital Discipleship - Social Media for Ministry

Kimberly Knight, Digital Strategist at Agnes Scott College and Social Media Consultant with the [Center for Progressive Renewal](#), presented a workshop based on the premise, "Social Media is NOT about the technology, it's about relationships". It provides a different way to walk the Christian journey.

Resources for more information on this topic:

- Kimberly's slideshare presentation <http://www.slideshare.net/kimberlyAknight>
- The book, [Digital Disciple: Real Christianity in a Virtual World](#), by The Reverend Adam Thomas
- Not convinced that Social Media is transforming the way we live and do business, watch this YouTube video on the Social Media Revolution. The original version was produced in 2009 based on the book [Socialnomics by Erik Qualman](#). This link is to the 2013 version.



"It's a people driven economy stupid."



- Erik Qualman, 2009



Social Media Revolution

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Resource Center

Visit the [NH Conference Website](#)

"The Guide"

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

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Faith Formation - Online Learning

John Roberto, NEAUCE 2013 keynote speaker, challenged us to

the UCC's Publishing, Identity, and Communication Ministry Team. To subscribe, contact Aimee Jannsohn at jannsoha@ucc.org

Quick Links

The Association of United Church Educators (AUCE)
[National](#)
[New England](#)
[New Hampshire](#)

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.

Congratulations

to

Rev. Dr. Kate Epperly
new Minister for Family and Children's Ministries

Rev. Dr. Katherine "Kate" Gould Epperly joined the staff of the the United Church of Christ on June 3rd as Minister for Family and Children's Ministries.

Her position is one of three in a newly created Family and Children's Ministries partnership between the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Kate joins Rev. Olivia Stewart Robertson and Rev. Dr. Olivia Bryan Updegrove, who began their work earlier this spring. Ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Tucson, Arizona (1979), Kate has held standing in the United Church of Christ since 1993.

[Click Here](#) to read Kate's biography.

imagine "Flipping the classroom" so that students are doing project-centered learning with their parents or peers-accessing content online through the network website and connecting via a secure social networks and then refocusing "class time" on practicing, demonstrating, and performing.

This model encourages students to use online technology (video/presentations) for the traditional classroom (lecture) part of the learning experience, offering:

- Flexibility, schedule a class to fit your life
- Self-paced learning (fast forward through familiar ideas and concepts you have mastered, rewind/replay concepts that need to be reviewed and better understood)

The exercises/projects/practical application part of the learning is most often designed to be a shared experience. Students are encouraged to do these activities with others (in person, at home with family or in a classroom setting), then to connect on social networks to ask questions, and share their insights with a broader group.

To learn more about how this technology is being successfully used in public education, check out [edmodo](#) and [Khan Academy](#). Visit [ChurchNext](#) for an example of online Christian learning.

Confirmation Retreat - Save the Date - October 4-5, 2013



A group of NHCUC Christian educators and pastors is working toward a **Confirmation Retreat, to be held the weekend of October 4-5, 2013**. The focus of this retreat will be "UCC Identity."

Save the date and please contact Ann Desrochers, NHCUC Specialist in Christian Education, to reserve a spot for your Confirmands and/or for additional information. **Thank you!**
 Email: adesrochers@nhcucc.org

Employment Opportunities

UCC National Setting - Minister and Team Leader, Faith Formation

The Minister and **Team Leader** of the Faith Formation Ministry Team will lead efforts to ensure that every UCC person is well-equipped to be growing in faith, theologically conversant, biblically literate, and active in the global mission of the church. This is accomplished by developing resources, events, partnerships and networks that will strengthen faith formation opportunities in local churches, Conferences, and other settings of the church.

The application deadline for this full time position is July 5, 2013. [Click here](#) for a complete job description and information on how to submit an application.

Peterborough, NH - Church School Coordinator

Union Congregational Church UCC, Peterborough, NH is seeking a

Note: As she starts this new position Kate and her family will also be moving and making Centerville, Massachusetts (Cape Cod) their new home.

Church School Coordinator. Duties include: Developing, planning and implementing a Sunday School curriculum in coordination with the Christian Education committee, teaching Sunday School, training and scheduling teaching assistants.

For more information, contact Ellen Smith (603) 547-3434.

Events

Enjoy your Summer - NH AUCE Meetings will Resume in the Fall

Wednesday, September 18, 10:00-11:30 am

Topic: Fundraising

NH Conference Center, 140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, NH

The Word of God

"The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out."

Proverbs 18:15 (NIV)

"Intelligent people are always open to new ideas. In fact, they look for them."

Proverbs 18:15 (NLT)

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