



Christian Education & Formation Newsletter

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Editor's Corner

Transformative, Inspiring,
Contagious...

If your path has crossed the path of a participant in the UCC Peace Village event, then these words will sound familiar. Their overwhelming excitement seemed hard to contain and motivated me to start exploring faith formation resources that promote interfaith collaboration and understanding.

In the process, I took a small detour as I struggled with the terms interfaith and multifaith. Apparently I am not the only one to notice a subtle difference. After reading the blog, [One Bahai's approach... inter-faith vs. multi-faith](#), I settled on the term interfaith. The blog presents an image of **interlocking** your fingers, suggesting two separate things are working closely together and in unison. This is held in contrast to the use of the term **multitasking**, meaning simultaneously doing two separate things. Bottom line, I was drawn to the term conveying cooperation and unity.

[Learn More...](#)

[Interfaith Resources](#)

[Peace Village successfully promotes peace, faith formation](#)
(article written by Anthony Moujaes)

<http://www.peacevillageinc.org/>

Prayer Reflection on the Confirmation Retreat



Click the image to read more about the retreat and see a photo collage (scroll down to Faith Formation in Action)

Dear God,
Creator of all life, you never cease to amaze me with your surprising presence in our every day lives.

I thank you for this day!

I thank you for opportunities to rejoice in the splendor of autumn in the White Mountains, to reconnect with old friends, make new friends, and refuel my faith energized by seeing your essence in the youth of the New

Hampshire Conference.

I pray that you will be with me in the future, reminding me to keep it simple and open my heart so I may hear your voice in my life.

I celebrate Your grace and unconditional love.

Amen!

Rev. Ivy Beckwith Accepts Call as UCC Faith Formation Ministry Team Leader

On December 1 the [Rev. Ivy Beckwith](#) will join the UCC's Faith Formation Ministry Team in her new position as Minister and Team Leader.



In his announcement the Rev. J. Bennett Guess, executive minister of Local Church Ministries, shares "Ivy and her excellent staff team (Susan Blain, Waltrina Middleton, and Scott Ressman, alongside our three part-time [UCC/DOC children and family ministers](#), Kate Epperly, Olivia Bryan Updegrove and Olivia Stewart Robertson) will work to infuse new ideas, understandings and resources that speak to how faith is formed and deepened through every aspect of the church's corporate life (study, prayer, arts, worship, advocacy, mission, service, leadership, etc.), through our families, in our vocations, and in our relationships with all of God's creation."

(Peace education programs
and curriculum)

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Resource Center

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NH Conference Website

Recently Added files:
[Students with Special Needs](#)
[Interfaith Resources](#)

"The Guide"

Called To Educational and
Formational Ministries: A Guide
for Local Churches, Educators,
and Youth Workers

edUCCators epistle

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Quick Links

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

[Click Here](#) to learn more.

Advent & Christmas Resources



Still looking for a Christmas pageant idea? Why
not consider an intergenerational dinner theater?

[In Bethlehem Inn](#) (Contemporary Drama
Service)

A "you are there" church supper Nativity play

Other ideas and articles on Christmas pageant resources can
be found on the Building Faith online Christian Education
community website (<http://www.buildfaith.org>)

- [Purpose-Filled Christmas Pageants](#)
- [Putting on a Christmas Pageant](#)
- [In Defense of the Pageant](#)

Northeast Training Opportunity



FREE Workshop for
Faith Formation Leaders
November 7, 2013
9:30 am - Noon

St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Parish, Acton,
MA

**Designed to give leaders strategies and tools to empower
families to grow in faith at home, this half-day workshop
is:**

- Aligned **with recent research on family assets
and strengths.**
- Anchored **in decades of experience in family
ministry.**
- Built **on the practical resources of Vibrant Faith
@ Home.**

Topics Include: Using Digital Media to Connect at
Home.

[Events Details and Registration Information at Eventbrite.](#)

Save the Date - NEAUCE 2014

NEAUCE 43rd Annual Conference
May 6-8, 2014 at Craigville Conference Center (Cape Cod)

"Rooted in Faith" (Jeremiah 17:7-8)

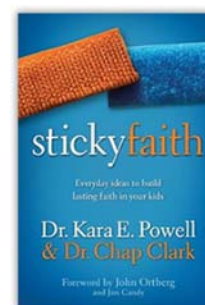
Keynote Speaker: Dr. Chap Clark

Associate provost for strategic projects and professor and chair of the Youth, Family, and Culture Department in the School of Theology, Fuller Theological Seminary

Worship Leader: Rev. Mollie Landers

*Associate Director of Outdoor Ministries
 New Hampshire & Maine Conferences, UCC*

Dr. Clark is a well-known practitioner, adolescent and family scholar, and author. Among his most recent publications are *Hurt 2.0* and *Sticky Faith*, which he co-authored with Fuller's Kara Powell.



[Click Here](#) to read his biography.

November NH AUCE Meeting:

Wednesday, November 20, 10:00-11:30 am

Topic: Helping Families deal with Grief and Loss during the Holidays

Meetings are held at the NH Conference Center, 140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, NH

The Word of God

"Let each generation tell its children of your mighty acts; let them proclaim your power."
 Psalm 145:4 (NLT)

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