



Christian Education & Formation Newsletter

New Hampshire Conference - United Church of Christ

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Epiphany

Arise, shine,
for the Light of the World
has come!
Darkness covers the
earth and its people,
but the radiance of
God's Light
burns away its shadows,
illuminates the smallest
corner,
and heralds in the start
of a new dawn,
where hearts
no longer fear,
souls might be set free,
and sister shall
follow brother,
nation shall follow nation,
and kings and princes
bow down in awe
before the one who
comes to reign.
Arise, shine,
for the Light of the World
has come!
Alleluia!

A prayer from
**Faith and Worship -
Christian Resources**
based on Isaiah 60:1-6

Faith Formation at Home

Visit the
[Vibrant Faith @ Home](#)
website for
suggestions on how to
engage your family in faith
activities at home.

As we celebrate the Twelve
Days of Christmas and
begin a New Year you
might consider some of
these activities:

[Remembering Our Year
or
Praise Party](#)
(for Young Families)

[Resolutions](#)
(for Adult/Couple)

[Prayers for the Future](#)
(Teen Family)

[Yin and Yang](#)
(for Young Adult)

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Resource Center

Visit the
[NH Conference Website](#)

Recently Updated
Resource Files:

[Events](#)

If you are using a
resource that is not
mentioned here and
would like to share that
information, please email
Ann Desrochers at:
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"The Guide"
[Called To Educational
and Formational
Ministries: A Guide for
Local Churches,
Educators, and Youth
Workers](#)

edUCCators epistle
Bi-weekly e-mailing from
the UCC's Publishing,

Happy New Year! The Gregorian calendar New Year provides yet another opportunity to recount your blessings, remembering the miraculous ways God has worked in your life this past year. It is a time to celebrate God's presence in your life today, and to be grateful God will be with you in every day to come.

Youth@Synod

New England Heads to Cleveland - June 24-30, 2015

New Hampshire youth **have been invited** to join youth from the other New England states as they venture to Cleveland for General Synod.



NOW is the time to start recruiting and encouraging your youth to participate in the wider community of the UCC. More details will follow but are some of the focal points for youth while at Synod:

Outreach: To the hungry and homeless

Immersion: In the Cleveland Theatre District

Stand up to Bullying: Participate in Cleveland Gay Pride Parade

Reading Changes Lives: Stuff a bus with books for kids

Transportation will be by coach bus with lodging at the Doubletree Hotel. Meals will include a welcome BBQ. Estimated **total** cost is \$900 (with the possibility of applying for a grant to help reduce any financial burden).

If you know Youth that are interested, please contact Ann Desrochers (email: adesrochers@nhcucc.org) **as soon as possible to confirm our response to this invitation.**

Additional information is available in the [Save the Date Flyer](#) and at the [UCC Youth at Synod webpage](#).

Resources

Looking for information, concepts, ideas, strategies, perspectives and stories from personal experience to help you in shaping your Faith Formation programs? Need curriculum, supplies, small group studies? Here is a place to start.

People to contact:

- Ann Desrochers, New Hampshire Conference, UCC
Email: Adesrochers@nhcucc.org
- Bradley Keefer (read a [personal message](#) from our Cokesbury Representative)

Sites to visit:

- [UCC Resources](#)
- The New Hampshire Conference, UCC [On-line Resource Center](#) for Faith Formation
- [The Association of United Church Educators](#)
- [UCC \(National\) Faith Formation Resources](#)

Workshop Rotation Model

The Workshop Rotation Model is a creative way to organize and deliver your Faith Formation program. Essentially, in a Workshop Rotation Model the same theme or Bible story is presented several weeks in a row. Each week participants rotate in to a unique workshop (art, music, video, science, game, drama, cooking, sewing, computer, etc), thus exploring the story in a variety of ways and using multiple intelligences. This is a wonderful way to involve more members of your congregation as Workshop Leaders. Find that teen or adult artist or musician who would love to share their talent with the younger generation!

Learn more about the model and explore free resources and ideas on how to implement this in congregations of all sizes at:
<http://www.rotation.org>.

If you prefer a prepared Workshop Rotation curriculum, see the resources below:

- [PowerXpress](#) (Cokesbury, Abingdon Press)
- [Spark Rotation](#) (Sparkhouse, Augsburg Fortress)
- [Come Join the Circle](#) (Logos, Wood Lake Publishing)

Training Opportunities

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.

The Center for Progressive Renewal is offering a four week online course, [The Key to Faith Formation that Works - Bringing the Generations Together](#). In this course the Rev. Dr. Ivy Beckwith, UCC Director of Faith Formation, will explore the value of intergenerational relationships for the healthy and lasting faith formation of children, youth, and adults. We'll look at how these relationships help to build "sticky faith" and how to be intentional about creating them through learning, worship, and play.
Course Fee: \$299.00

The **Christian Formation Ministry of the New Hampshire Conference**, United Church of Christ invites you to join us for two FREE events this winter:

- [2015 Vacation Bible School Open House & Preview Event on Saturday, January 24, 2015](#)
- [The Bible: 3 C's \(Choosing, Celebrating, Conversing\) on Saturday, March 7, 2015](#)

Employment Opportunities

**East Parish Congregational Church - East Derry
Director of Christian Education**

The congregation is looking for someone to oversee the Christian Education program, which includes church school classes for nursery through 12th grade students, and to reach out to young adults and help them find a niche. A detailed job description is posted on the [UCC Ministry Opportunities website](#).

The [Classified/Help Wanted Section](#) of the NHCUC website also publishes employment opportunities throughout the Conference.

Save the Date:



NEAUCE 44th Annual Conference
"From Broken Hearts to Burning Hearts"
Craigville Retreat Center, Cape Cod, MA
May 5-7, 2015

Keynote Speaker: **Rev. Molly Phinney Baskette**, author of **Real Good Church**

Worship Leader: **Rev. Ryan Gackenheimer**, Associate Pastor at First Congregational Church of Essex Junction, VT and member of the Outdoor Ministries Association UCC

National Youth Event (NYE) 2016 - BELIEVE
Walt Disney World's Coronado Springs Resort
July 26-29, 2016

[Learn More >>](#)



Believe! United Church of
Christ National Youth Event
(NYE) 2016

The Word of God

"Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken." Isaiah 40:5 (NRSV)

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