



Christian Education
& Formation Newsletter

New Hampshire Conference - United Church of Christ

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**Stewardship
Thought for the day**

"I have held many things in my hand, and have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands that I still possess."

- Martin Luther

**Faith Formation
at Home**

Visit the Vibrant Faith @ Home website for more suggestions on how to engage your family in faith activities at home.

The site is currently featuring activities with a focus on Halloween.

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Resource Center

Visit the NH Conference Website

New and Recently Updated Resource Files:

Events,
Stewardship
&
VBS
(2015 curriculum)

If you are using a resource that is not mentioned here and would like to share that information, please email Ann Desrochers at: adesrochers@nhcucc.org

"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)
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.

"God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." 2 Corinthians 9:8

Christian Stewardship

This scripture passage reminds us that we are called to carefully and responsibly manage all that God has created and entrusted to our care. God has blessed each one of us with unique abilities, knowledge, skills, and material possessions to fulfill that call. The resources below are suggestions to use in opening a dialogue on stewardship as a part of year round Christian living.

Talking to Children About Stewardship

Lesson: The Spiritual Discipline of Stewardship

From the <http://www.ministry-to-children.com> website, a lesson plan to teach children about the spiritual discipline of stewardship and giving. This is an often overlooked way that God grows the faith of children. Remember, it's not the size of the gift but the heart that matters most. [This lesson](#) is designed for a smaller group of children, but could be adapted for any Sunday School or Children's Church setting.

Article: Teaching Children about Stewardship

In their [article](#) from the <http://www.ministrymatters.com> website, Dana and Joyce Bunn share ideas for classroom activities to help children understand the biblical and theological concepts of stewardship in the life of the church.

Talking to Teens About Stewardship

Way to Live Christian Practices for Teens



Available from the [UCC Resources](#) website, [Way to Live](#) is a book written by 18 teens and 18 adults who share their different points of view and personal stories about living a life that is meaningful and authentic. The book explores Christian practices that help deepen the awareness of God's presence in our lives today.

You can also learn more by visiting the companion website, <http://www.waytolive.org>, designed to

meet today's teens where they are - online!

Living Stewardship



Living Stewardship is one of the 12 Faith Practices included in the [UCC Faith Practices curriculum](#) for all ages. Living Stewardship resources will help to teach your congregation the 24/7/365 involvement of what it means to live as faithful followers of Jesus Christ. We are called to live as generous creatures created by a generous God. Visit the [UCC Resources website](#) to learn more about purchasing theme based faith practice packages.

Training Opportunities

Registration is Now Open for Fall CAUCE Event

**FROM A to GEN Z:
Nurturing Faith with a New Generation
Saturday, November 15, 2014
9:30 am - 3:30 pm**

The Connecticut Association of United Church Educators (CAUCE) invites you to join them at the First Church of Christ Congregational in West Hartford, CT for their fall event featuring Ivy Beckwith, UCC Faith Formation Team Leader



Cost: \$25.00. [Click Here](#) to download the event flyer and registration form.



**The Bible: 3 C's
(Choosing, Celebrating, Conversing)**

**Saturday, March 7, 2014
9:00 am - Noon**

The Christian Formation Ministry of the New Hampshire Conference of the United Church of Christ invites you to a free event to share information and join in conversations about selecting Bibles, leading a Bible study, and

celebrating the Book!

[Learn More >>](#)

Employment Opportunities

Director of Christian Education - Exeter

The Congregational Church in Exeter NH, UCC seeks a Director of Christian Education to support, develop, coordinate, and oversee educational programs to spiritually engage the children, youth, and adults of the congregation.

For more information, contact [Lisa Ann McConnell](#), Search Committee Chair or visit the church website: <http://congchurchexeter.org/job-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

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;"
 Psalm 24:1 (NRSV)

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