



Christian Education & Formation Newsletter

October 2017 News & Updates

"Christian Stewardship is the faithful management of our time, talents and treasures for the glory of God and the blessing of the world. We are called to share joyfully and abundantly these God-given gifts - we give generously because we are made for generosity, having been created in the image of a generous God." - Parkdale United Church

In many of our churches October and November are seen as stewardship season. If you consider the above description of Stewardship Ministry you are reminded it is a part of year-round Christian living. The resources below provide suggestions for living and giving abundantly each and every day.

Featured Resources

Living Stewardship as a Faith Practice for All Ages

- Living Stewardship is one of twelve practices found in the [Faith Practices online resource](#). Living stewardship is about how we live our lives and how our lives express our values. It affects all of our decisions, especially the ones we make about the natural and human resources entrusted to us for care. As faithful stewards, we are joined by our common gift of life and the reality of finite resources.

Talking To Children About Stewardship

- Carolyn Moomaw Chilton, Assistant for Evangelism and Stewardship at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Richmond, Virginia, suggests "We don't learn to be good stewards just from a program or curriculum, a one-day service event, a one-time mission trip, or a once-a-year stewardship campaign. Instead, we learn to be good stewards when we see generosity modeled for us." Learn more about how churches can model generosity in her article [How Do We Teach Children Stewardship?](#)
- Sharon Ely Pearson, Christian Formation Specialist with Church Publishing Incorporated, shares "If we want to nurture children in an understanding of stewardship, we need to find ways to help them experience stewardship and the joy of giving of oneself." in her article,

[Children and Stewardship: Practical Ideas.](#)

Free Webinar: "Forming Faithful Stewards"

- Building Faith offers a free webinar entitled "[Forming Faithful Stewards](#)". Three expert panelists discuss giving and generosity in church settings, at this time of year when many congregations are beginning annual giving campaigns..

Learn about more resources in the [Stewardship document](#) found on the [Christian Formation Ministry webpage](#) of the New Hampshire Conference or by visiting the [Stewardship Resources page](#) of the national website.

Upcoming Events & Training Opportunities

The Massachusetts Conference UCC invites you to participate in their:

- **2017- 2018 Faith Formation Classes for All / Christian Educator Certification Program**
This is a creative, interactive, and rewarding program for church leaders and local church educators who wish to develop skills for creating and/or leading a progressive, comprehensive, and exceptional ministry in their local church. All of the classes will benefit lay leaders and teachers, particularly church school superintendents, directors/coordinators of Christian education, pastors, other authorized ministers, and church school teachers. Registration deadline is October 25, 2017. [Download the brochure](#) to learn more.
- **2018 Education for Effective Youth Ministry Program (EEYM)**
EEYM is a fun, interactive program for local church youth leaders who are just beginning their work with youth, or who feel the need to obtain new skills. Registration deadline is December 1, 2017. For more information [download the brochure](#).

Consult XXI at Silver Lake

Monday, November 6 - Friday, November 10, 2017

You are invited to gather at Silver Lake Conference Center (Sharon, CT) with colleagues and partners in Outdoor Ministries. Consult is a bi-annual gathering of camp directors, board members and chairs, site supporters, and advocates for Outdoor Ministries, especially within the UCC. This year the gathered body

will explore what it means to "Be Not Afraid for I am With You", when the "I" is God, Jesus, self, and partners we may work with at camp. [Learn more >>](#)

Save the Date: Eastern Regional Youth Event - July 19-22, 2018



NH Youth, mark your calendars for **next** summer! Join us as we worship, play, pray, learn, serve, sing and dream at the 2018 Eastern Regional Youth Event. For more information, contact Ann Desrochers at adesrochers@nhcucc.org or 603-715-9526 or [download the event flyer](#).

Quick Links

- The [Association of United Church Educators](#) (AUCE). A membership organization, of and for lay and ordained, paid and volunteer pastors, educators, and youth workers, which has been providing advocacy and support for church education and educators in the United Church of Christ since 1971.
- "[The Guide](#)" Called to Educational and Formational Ministries: A Guide for Local Churches, Educators, and Youth Workers

Employment Opportunities

Local:

- **Bethany Church (Randolph, VT)**, a lively congregation of the United Church of Christ, is seeking a **half time** (20 hours a week) **Coordinator for Youth and Family Ministries**. The candidate we are seeking is a person of faith who is committed to the church and to nurturing the spiritual needs of children, youth and families. They will have strong organizational and communication skills. They will have training and/or experience in providing educational ministries in a local church setting. They will understand and honor confidentiality and appropriate

boundaries. Learn more in the [detailed position description](#).

- Visit the [Classifieds/Help Wanted](#) section of the NH Conference UCC website.

National: Willing to relocate? The [UCC Ministry Opportunities webpage](#) is a great source for Christian Education and Faith Formation openings nationwide. *(It also includes opportunities here in NH, such as the current opening at the Lyme Congregational Church, United Church of Christ.)*

The Word of God

The Fruit of the Spirit

"By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness," Galatians 5:22 (NRSV)

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