

Seasons of the Spirit – SeasonsFUSION

Seasons of the Spirit is an international, ecumenical, lectionary-based worship and Christian education resource with a holistic vision of what it means to live as God's people.

Wood Lake Publishing has been at the forefront of lectionary-based curricula development since 1987, when it began publishing *The Whole People of God*.

In 2002, along with MediaCom Education, Logos Production, The United Church of Christ, and The United Methodist Church, Wood Lake Publishing launched *Seasons of the Spirit*. Over the years, that initial partnership evolved so that now Wood Lake is the sole publisher guiding the development and creation of *Seasons of the Spirit*.

Although much has changed from the early days and will continue to evolve – moved by and responding to the winds of change blowing over the church – *Seasons* is committed to the things that have inspired it from the very beginning:

- belief in the value of integrating worship, learning, and service – intentionally intergenerational
- passion for the arts
- hope that we can inspire the imagination by integrating current biblical scholarship with insights from science and technology while at the same time respecting the wisdom found in our traditions
- commitment to listen to the many voices that make up the ecumenical church
- remaining grounded in the real-life, contemporary experiences and practices of congregations and parishes from around the world.

What makes SeasonsFUSION so exciting, both to use and to develop is that, more than any other component of *Seasons*, it strives to embody all of these things in one package.

Seasons Development event in New Hampshire

For each season of the church year, a different congregation, or region hosts a development event; practitioners from a congregation, or various congregations, meet with the editor of SeasonsFUSION to share and develop ideas in community. This kind of grassroots engagement is one of the things that make *Seasons of the Spirit* and SeasonsFUSION unique.

On May 11, a development event will be held at the New Hampshire Conference, United Church of Christ, 140 Sheep Davis Road, Pembroke, NH 03275. Susan Burt will facilitate time of reflection on the Bible passages for the 8 weeks of the Season of Easter, 2020. We will ponder how they connect to life in our context. People are invited to participate in the process for whatever time they are able.

There are three categories of participants:

1. key writers, who for weekly assignments such biblical background, reflection on the work, worship outlines, Bible story, stations/creative centres
2. Occasional writers, who would volunteer for articles, contemporary stories, and other one-off type things
3. volunteer voices who lend insight and wisdom

Remuneration for writers

Biblical Background and reflection on the word	\$110 USD (for each week)
Worship Outlines:	\$180 USD (for each week)
Creative Stations (2 or 3 new for each week)	\$60 USD (for each week)
Bible Stories (with a possibility of reusing some from past years)	\$60 USD (for each week)
Articles of up to 700 words	\$70 USD

Participants can choose writing assignments to suit. e.g. one might choose to write only Biblical Backgrounds and reflection on the word, another worship outlines, or some might choose to write across a full week. It is easier to determine assignments during the discussion process – guided by or passion for a particular passage, and so on.

The date for transmitting manuscripts to editor for the first review read is November 30, 2018.
For more on Seasons of the Spirit go to www.seasonsonline.ca

To participate in the May 11th event, please contact Ann Desrochers by phone (603-715-9526) or email (adesrochers@nhcucc.org).