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

Dear God,
Creator of all life, you never cease to amaze me with your surprising presence in our everyday 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."
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](http://www.buildfaith.org))

- **Purpose-Filled Christmas Pageants**
- **Putting on a Christmas Pageant**
- **In Defense of the Pageant**

Northeast Training Opportunity

**VIBRANT FAITH @ HOME**

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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