

Strengthen the Church

A special offering to support these programs of the MA Conference of the United Church of Christ:



- *Adult Christian Educator Training*
- *Youth Ministries*
- *Church School Resources*

Helping congregations form disciples who live the love & justice of Jesus



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Supporting Children and Youth in the Massachusetts Conference

Christian Educator Training

Your support helps make essential training for Christian Educators possible:

- **Faith formation classes** teaching knowledge and skills – open to all
- **Christian Educator Certification** program for those wishing to create an exceptional faith formation ministry in their churches
- **Education for Effective Youth Ministry (EYEM)** training and certification
- **Communities of Practice** to support Christian Educators in their ministries
- Training for **Safe Church Ministry** and **Our Whole Lives (OWL)** sexuality curriculum
- Events such as **Faith Formation Summits** and **Super Saturday Workshops**

Youth Ministries

Your support helps provide these youth ministry experiences:

- **Annual Youth Retreat** special gatherings for youth
- **Confirmation Retreat** overnight faith-deepening opportunities
- **National Youth Event** and **Youth@Synod** trips
- Other programs such as **Youth@TA1 Annual Meeting** and **Youth@Super Saturday**

50%

50% of the first \$15,000 received will remain in the MA Conference to support children and youth ministries.

90%

90% of contributions beyond \$15,000 will remain here.

Church School Resources

Your support helps ensure all Christian Educators are well resourced:

- **Associate for Faith Formation & Youth Ministry** available for consultations
- Help with rethinking **Faith Formation in the 21st Century**
- Free online access to webinars, books, articles and videos through a partnership with **Practical Resources for Churches**
- **Curriculum selection and adaptation** guidance
- Special help for **Intergenerational Worship, Vacation Bible School, Children's Messages**
- Coordinated **networking** of educators through Facebook Groups, cluster meetings, webinars

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