

2018-2019 Class Offerings

Worship & Sacraments

An overview of the worship tradition of the United Church of Christ, tracing its history back to early Christian practices, in particular Baptism and Communion.

Instructor: Rev. Dr. Mary Luti is a UCC pastor who for many years taught courses on Christian history, worship, and sacraments at Andover Newton Theological School.

October 6, 2018

Centre Congregational Church, Lynnfield, MA

OR

January 12, 2019

Edwards Church, Northampton, MA

(video conferencing option available on this date only)

Human & Faith Development

An overview of human development based on the work of Piaget, Erikson, and Gardner; and faith development based on the work of Fowler and Westerhoff.

Instructor: Nancy Sides, Certified Educator, recently retired after serving the local church for 34 years.

February 23, 2019

Centre Congregational Church, Lynnfield, MA

OR

April 6, 2019

Edwards Church, Northampton, MA

(video conferencing option available on this date only)

Theories of Religious Education

A discussion of what education, religious education, and Christian education are in relation to how and what we teach in our local congregations, with a focus on four specific religious education theories.

Instructor: Debbie Gline Allen, CMCF, Consultant for Christian Education & Youth Ministry, Massachusetts Conference UCC

March 30, 2019

Centre Congregational Church, Lynnfield, MA

OR

March 9, 2019

Edwards Church, Northampton, MA

(video conferencing option available on this date only)

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The information contained in this brochure, including the class registration link, may be found on the Christian Educators' Certification Program — Faith Formation Classes page of the MA Conference website at:
<http://www.macucc.org/certification>

Faith Formation Classes for All*

2018-2019



*and those pursuing
Christian Educator Certification

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The Massachusetts Conference UCC Faith Formation Classes...

- are open to all from local churches from any UCC Conference, serving both lay persons and authorized ministers who want to further their education and understanding about faith formation;
- are also a part of the Christian Educator's Certification Program of the Massachusetts Conference;
- are available via web conferencing;
- offer an in-depth look at faith formation;
- are offered as single opportunities for enrichment or as an entire program of study;
- provide an opportunity to join other lay persons and church educators from southern New England in a spirit of learning, faith-building, and friendship.

Read on for more
information about the
classes and program!

Frequently Asked Questions

Who may take these classes?

Any lay person or authorized minister in the Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island Conferences, and beyond who wishes to further his/her education and understanding of faith formation. **Please note that these classes do not meet requirements for ordination.**

Where are the class sessions held?

There are two locations for you to choose from for each class offered:
Centre Congregational Church, 5 Summer St., Lynnfield, MA (centre-church.org)
or
Edwards Church, 297 Main St., Northampton, MA (edwardschurchnorthampton.org)

Do I have to attend the class at both locations?

No; just choose the location and/or date that is most convenient for you for each class offered.

How long is each class?

Each class begins at 8:30 a.m. and ends at 12:30 p.m.

What is the cost?

Individual session: \$45 each
One year of 3 classes: \$125
We encourage the local church to cover the cost of their participant as a show of support for this training.

Can I attend these courses via web conferencing?

Yes!
But only the sessions held at the Northampton site/date. Just select that option when you register.
However we strongly recommend that you attend the classes in person, if you are able, to gain the most from face to face contact with the instructors and students.

Do I have to complete the CE Certification Program or can I just take one or a few classes?

All classes are open to both those who are pursuing CE Certification and all others who are interested in only a specific class or classes. CE Certification is an option for those who desire to complete the two years of classes and other requirements.

What are the other classes and requirements for Certification as a Christian Educator?

Please visit <http://www.macucc.org/certification> for the complete description.

Frequently Asked Questions (cont'd.)

How do I register?

Visit <http://www.macucc.org/certification> and locate the REGISTRATION button.

When is the registration deadline?

There is no deadline, however an early registration will guarantee your receipt of any advanced reading materials, class logistics, and cancellations if needed.

Tell me more about CE Certification.

The Massachusetts Conference UCC Christian Educator Certification Program is for church leaders and local church educators who wish to develop skills for creating and/or leading a progressive, comprehensive, and exceptional faith formation ministry in their local churches. Church educators are persons who may serve in the role of church school superintendent, director/coordinator of Christian education, pastor, other authorized minister, and/or church school teacher, for instance. The Certification Certificate, presented at the completion of the program (see <http://www.macucc.org/certification> for details) will indicate that the educator has achieved a certain level of proficiency as a church educator that is recognized by the Massachusetts Conference UCC.

Tell me more about Faith Formation Classes for All.

The classes in the Christian Educator Certification Program listed in this brochure are offered to anyone from a local congregation who is interested in furthering his/her knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith and the work of the Church. If the student is not interested in Christian Educator Certification, he/she need only to choose one of the classes or as many as desired. No certificate is granted; however, the student may request official documentation of his/her participation in a class or classes.

Who should I contact if I have more questions?

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