

## 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

*This equipping ministry is made possible through your generous contributions to the wider United Church of Christ.*

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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!

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## 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](http://centre-church.org))  
or  
Edwards Church, 297 Main St., Northampton, MA ([edwardschurchnorthampton.org](http://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.

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## 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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