



Expectations of Students in the Faith Formation Leadership Certificate Program

- ✓ Attend all required class sessions, either onsite or via video conference. Please choose the appropriate option when registering.
 - Core Classes (3 contact hours each):
 - Developing Faith — Ages and Stages
 - Engaging Our Sacred Scripture's Story
 - Living Into the Mystery — Worship and Sacraments in the United Church of Christ
 - Exploring the United Church of Christ — Our History, Our Beliefs, Our identity
 - Making Disciples — Theories and Practices for the 21st Century
 - Serving Together — Mission for All Ages
 - Boundary Foundations for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Leaders
 - Faith Formation 101 — Practices for a Sustainable Ministry
(Christian Formation Leader Track)
 - Exploring Curriculum Resources
(Christian Formation Leader Track)
 - Youth Ministry 101 — Practices for a Sustainable Ministry
(Youth Ministry Leader Track)
 - Networking in Youth Ministry — Resources & Social Media
(Youth Ministry Leader Track)
 - ** Note: Certificate participants may choose the Christian Formation Track, the Youth Ministry Leader Track, or both. Classes without a track designation are required for both tracks.

- Workshops at Super Saturday (<https://www.sneucc.org/supersaturday>) (offered twice a year — March and October) (1.5 to 2 contact hours each):
 - Safe Church Policies
 - Racial Justice

- 2 Electives at Super Saturday (<https://www.sneucc.org/supersaturday>) and/or the New England Association of United Church Educators Conference (<https://www.auce-ucc.org/new-england>) and/or a webinar (at least 1 to 1 1/2 hours each)

- ✓ Keep track of classes taken.
 - Include the date, the instructor, and keep a copy of your reflection responses. A class tracking form is available on the Faith Formation Leadership Certificate Program webpage (www.macucc.org/certification) found under "Quick Links for Registrants". This form will also serve as part of your request for Certification after you have completed all of the requirements.

- ✓ Respond to the Reflection Question(s) for each Core Class session.
- ✓ Regular participation in a Faith Formation Community of Practice.
For information about CE Communities of Practice, visit <https://www.macucc.org/cecop>.
- ✓ Membership in the Association of United Church Educators.
Visit their website to become a member: www.auce-ucc.org. Strongly encourage your church to pay for this membership in support of your ministry with them.
- ✓ Keep your pastor, CE/Youth Committee, and congregation updated on your learnings and progress.
- ✓ Pay for Core Class sessions as soon as possible after registering.
If your church doesn't already pay for these classes, strongly encourage them to do so, as a show of support for your ministry.

Equivalent Classes

For those who are unable to attend one of the classes within this program or have already taken a class on the same topic, equivalent classes may be accepted as having fulfilled the requirements for that class. To be considered an "equivalent," the class/course/workshop/webinar must be at least 3 contact hours (at least 1.5 to 2 contact hours for electives, Racial Justice and Safe Church). A copy of a transcript or certificate with the student's name included, submitted to the administrator of this program, will suffice as proof of having taken the class.

Keeping Covenant in a UCC Congregation

You are encouraged to attend Annual Meetings of your local congregation, your Association, and your Conference to gain a better understanding of the United Church of Christ and your role and responsibilities as one who ministers in a UCC church. If you have the opportunity to attend a national UCC General Synod, you will not regret it. Attendance at these meetings/gatherings is not required for Certification, but they will serve you well as a part of your training in faith formation ministries.

Questions?

More specific details about this program are provided at www.macucc.org/certification.

You may also contact the program administrator, Debbie Gline Allen, at glineallend@sneucc.org glineallend@macucc.org or 508-603-6011.