



Core Areas of Knowledge for Local Church Educators

with Bibliography

At the AUCE Coordinating Committee annual meeting in the fall of 2005, five core areas of training were identified as the basis and grounding for anyone who leads Christian education in a local church. With assistance from Ken Ostermiller, Marian Plant, Karen Tye, Karen-Marie Yust, and the members of the UCC Lay Ministry Education Network, we offer a bibliography here to supplement each of these areas.

❖ **Basic Bible (Interpretation)**

- Understanding the Old Testament* by Bernhard Anderson (ISBN: 0139359257)
An Introduction to the Old Testament: The Canon and Christian Imagination by Walter Brueggemann (ISBN: 0664224121)
New Oxford Annotated Bible, NRSV with Apocrypha, Third Edition [Articles in the back, pages 453-536] (ISBN: 019528478X)
An Introduction to the New Testament by Raymond Brown (ISBN 0385247672)
The New Testament: A Student's Introduction by Stephen L. Harris (ISBN: 0767420314)
Gospel Parallels by Burton Throckmorton (ISBN: 0840774842)
Bible for Vital Congregations by Barbara J. Essex (ISBN 13: 978-0-8298-1732-4)

❖ **Christian Education Program Administration (Including coordinating volunteers)**

- The Nuts & Bolts of Christian Education* by Delia Halverson (ISBN 068707116X)
Group's Volunteer Leadership Series (Vols. 1-6) by Marlene Wilson, ed. (ISBN 0-7644-2744-X)

❖ **Curriculum/Resource Selection and Development**

- Christian Educator's Guide to Evaluating and Developing Curriculum* by Nancy Ferguson (ISBN-13: 978-0-8170-1523-7)
Teaching Today's Teachers To Teach by Donald L. Griggs (ISBN: 0-687-04954-7)
Postmodern Children's Ministry: Ministry to Children in the 21st Century by Ivy Beckwith (ISBN-13: 978-0-310-25754-7)
The Godbearing Life by Kenda Creasy Dean and Ron Foster (ISBN: 0835808580)
Growing in the Life of Faith: Education and Christian Practices by Craig Dykstra (ISBN: 0664227589)
Leaving Home with Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Our Youth by Elizabeth Caldwell (ISBN: 082981504X)
Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens by Don Richter & Dorothy Bass (ISBN: 0835809757)
Soul Tending by Kenda Creasy Dean, ed. (ISBN: 068703079X)
Starting Right by Kenda Creasy Dean et al. (ISBN: 0310234069)
Practicing Our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching People by Dorothy Bass, ed. (ISBN: 0787938831)
Soul Shaper by Tony Jones (ISBN: 031025101X)
Taught By God: Teaching and Spiritual Formation by Karen-Marie Yust and E. Byron Anderson (ISBN: 0827236492)

❖ **Education 101 (Theory; Human & Faith Development; Models; Multiple Intelligences)**

- The Craft of Christian Teaching: Essentials for Becoming a Very Good Teacher* by Israel Galindo (ISBN: 0-8170-1280-X)
Educating Congregations: The Future of Christian Education by Charles Foster (ISBN: 0-687-00245-1)
Basics of Christian Education by Karen Tye (ISBN: 0827202296)
Faith Formation In Vital Congregations by Marian Plant (ISBN 13: 978-0-8298-1813-0)
In Search of Wisdom: Faith Formation in the Black Church by Anne E. Streaty Wimberly and Evelyn Parker (ISBN: 0687067006)
Soul Stories, Revised Edition: African American Christian Education by Anne Wimberly (ISBN: 068749432X)
Nurturing Faith and Hope: Black Worship as a Model for Christian Education by Anne E. Streaty Wimberly (ISBN: 0829815686)
Come Unto To Me: Rethinking the Sacraments for Children by Elizabeth Caldwell (ISBN: 0829811192)
Mapping Christian Education: Approaches to Congregational Learning by Jack Seymour (ISBN: 0687008123)
Will Our Children Have Faith? (Revised Edition) by John H. Westerhoff III (ISBN: 0819218367)
Fashion Me A People: Curriculum in the Church by Maria Harris (ISBN: 0664240526)

The Teaching Ministry of Congregations by Richard Osmer (ISBN: 0664225470)
Making A Home for Faith: Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Your Children by Elizabeth Caldwell (ISBN: 0829813705)
Real Kids, Real Faith: Practices for Nurturing Children's Spiritual Lives by Karen-Marie Yust (ISBN: 0787964077)
Human Development and Faith: Life-Cycle Stages of Body, Mind, and Soul by Felicity Kelcourse, ed. (ISBN: 0827214421)
Theories of Development, 5th edition by William Crain (ISBN 0-13-184991-3)
Stages of Faith: The Psychology of Human Development and the Quest for Meaning by James Fowler (ISBN 0-06-062866-9)
The Handbook of Spiritual Development in Childhood and Adolescence by Eugene Roehlkepartain, ed. (ISBN: 0761930787)
Workshop Rotation: A Model for Sunday School by Melissa Armstrong-Hansche and Neil MacQueen (ISBN: 0-664-50110-9)
Teaching Godly Play by Jerome W. Berryman (ISBN: 0-687-08651-5)
Intelligence Reframed: Multiple Intelligences for the 21st Century by Howard Gardner (ISBN: 0465026117)

❖ **UCC Identity/ History/ Polity/ Theology**

The Shaping of the United Church of Christ by Louis H. Gunnemann (ISBN: 0829813454)
Confessing Our Faith: An Interpretation of the Statement of Faith of the United Church of Christ by Roger L. Shinn (ISBN: 0829808663)
Theology and Identity: Traditions, Movements, and Polity in the United Church of Christ by Daniel L. Johnson and Charles Hambrick-Stowe (ISBN: 0829808078)
United Church of Christ History and Program from United Church of Christ Resources
What's Theology Got To Do With It? -- Convictions, Vitality, and the Church by Anthony B. Robinson (ISBN-13: 978-1-56699-320-3)
Book of Worship of the United Church of Christ from United Church of Christ Resources
The New Century Hymnal from United Church of Christ Resources
Manual on the Ministry from United Church of Christ Resources
<http://www.ucc.org/about-us/short-course> – Short Course in the History of the United Church of Christ
www.stillspeaking.com

Addendum

An excellent youth ministry bibliography may be found at <http://www.ucc.org/education/bibliographies>

Other helpful bibliographies that are found on that site:

- ▶ Adults
- ▶ Older Adults
- ▶ Ending Racism
- ▶ Disabilities Ministries
- ▶ Children and Communion