

Stepping Stones

A Series of Workshops in Christian Education and Formation
Course Schedule: 2011-12 Season

Our Popular Series Continues!

Stepping Stones is a *popular* series of mini-courses for Christian Educators, pastors, superintendents, and those responsible for Christian formation that want to *energize, renew or challenge* their ministry. These workshops explore faith formation topics and contemporary issues and ideas, and offer an opportunity to network with others.

Stepping Stones is sponsored by the Connecticut Partners in Education- **P.I.E.**

All workshops will be held at First Congregational Church in Southington, CT.

>**Directions** to First Congregational Church in Southington, CT. are available at:
www.ctucc.org/steppingstones

Join us and discover great ideas and insights, helpful resources and activities!
Register for one, two or all using this form.

Program Schedule: **Light Supper begins at 6:00 p.m.**

Workshops 6:45 – 8:30 p.m.

Fee: \$15.00 for each course.

Groups of three or more from any church pay only \$35.00

Sessions in 2012 include...

Wednesday February 1, 2012

3. Beyond Banners

Discover new ways to help others create meaning-filled works of art to enliven the devotional spaces in your church by tapping into the creativity and spirit of each participant. This session will include project ideas and instructions that could be adapted for use with Sunday school classes, youth groups, adult organizations or families.

LEADER: Ms. Diane Ciba- CT. Partner in Education

Wednesday February 15, 2012

4. After Sardines, then what?!

What is youth group for? Why are we here every Sunday night? Is it just for community building or are we reaching for something deeper? An opportunity for high school youth group advisors to discuss why we do what we do; including some how-to and how-not-to of "regular" meetings, those times when our groups are NOT on mission trips or holding a fundraiser.

LEADER: Ms. Marji Hughes, Director of Christian Education, CC of Naugatuck

Tuesday March 6, 2012

5. Maintaining Best Practices for a Healthy Church*

Explore the best practices and resources available for implementing your church's safe conduct policy effectively and consistently. Tips, strategies, and resources will be shared!

LEADER: Ms. Karen E. Ziel, Minister of Christian Education, CT. UCC

*Some content in this workshop will be presented at a similar workshop in New London Association in Nov. 2011.

Wednesday, April 11, 2012

6. Celebrating Sundays with Children-Creating Special Programs

Join us as we explore creative ways to make Sunday exciting for children and youth as they participate in and lead worship, including special programs, Children's Sunday and Rally Day! Discover various approaches to leadership by children including Christian clowning, skits, monologues and puppetry. Learn, network and exchange ideas. Bring multiple copies of any resource you've found or developed and would like to share!

LEADERS: Ms. Karlene Archambeault and Ms. Carole Lantz
Christian Education Directors at First Congregational Church in Southington

Registration Form for Stepping Stones

Name _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Preferred phone _____ e-mail _____

Please indicate which workshop(s) you wish to attend:

Workshop #(s) _____

Mail with check made payable to:
Missionary Society of CT,
125 Sherman Street, Hartford, CT 06105,
ATTN: Karen Ziel Minister for Christian Education

Questions???: Call Karen Ziel @ 860.761.7104 or e-mail at karenz@ctucc.org

ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE DUE ONE WEEK BEFORE THE WORKSHOP, thanks for your kind consideration!