

Growing Together!

June-October 2019



Together we are growing a Faith-Forming, Multi-Cultural, Multi-Racial, Open and Affirming, Accessible to All, Just Peace, Globally Minded movement of Youth and Young Adults!

The Conference supports leadership development in the local church. These local, regional, and national programs to help you deepen your ministry with children and youth, and adults. We invite lay leaders and clergy to take advantage of these opportunities to sharpen skills and collaborate with colleagues. Contact Debby Kirk, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries or Karen Ziel, Minister of Faith Formation and Leadership for information about scholarship support.

Messy Church Training Event- September 21, 2019

First Church W. Hartford 9 AM-3:30 PM

It's time to Get Messy!! You'll learn the methods and history behind the Messy Church program - plus you'll experience some hands-on Messy Church fun so that you can start the program in your own faith community. The day will include morning and afternoon sessions with a break for lunch. **The workshop fee is \$35 per person (\$150 for a team of 5)**, and includes lunch, the book [Messy Church: Fresh Ideas for Building a Christ-Centered Community](#) and a Get Messy! Magazine. Other Messy Church resources will be available for purchase. For more information and to register, link here: <https://www.ctucc.org/eventdetail/12836094>

Stepping Stones workshops

This annual series of workshops offers opportunities to gather and consider such topics as Empowering Children and Youth to be Safe, Exploring Racism with Children and Youth, BEST VBS and more. These 90-min workshops by local faith formation practitioners and clergy leaders begin with dinner and conversation. These events are co-sponsored by CT UCC and CAUCE – The CT Association of United Church Educators, for more information or to register, link below. Cost \$20 per person, per event. Group discounts for multiple participants from a single congregation. 2019-2020 Workshops will be announced in late September! <http://www.ctucc.org/steppingstones/>

Super Saturday

Keynote, worship, workshops and fellowship! The next event will be held on **Saturday October 5, 2019 at the [Keefe Regional Technical High School, Framingham, MA.](#)**

Keynote Speaker is Bishop Dwayne D. Royster is the Political Director of Faith in Action (formerly the PICO National Network) Faith in Action is the nation's largest faith-based organizing movement committed to racial and economic justice with 40+ federations in 22 States and 5 Countries. Bishop Royster was previously the Executive Director of POWER (Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower, and Rebuild) the Faith in Action federation in Philadelphia, PA. www.macucc/supersaturday

Announcing- Faith Formation/Youth Ministry Communities of Practice

(FFYM Excellence Groups) A Community of Practice, often abbreviated in writing as a CoP, is a group of people who are active practitioners. The purpose of a CoP is to provide a way for practitioners to share tips and best practices, ask questions of their colleagues, and provide mutual support and guidance for and to one another. 5 newly trained facilitators are ready **to begin in September 2019**. Link to the Conference website page here for more information. <https://www.ctucc.org/excellencegroups>

NEW! — [Christian Formation & Youth Ministry Leader Certification Program](#) begins Fall 2019! Formerly called the MACUCC Christian Educator Certification and EEYM (Education for Effective Youth Ministry) programs, this new iteration will combine the two programs and feature two training tracks — one for church educators and one for youth ministry leaders, all learning together to provide the best possible leadership for their congregations. Details coming in late August.

Youth Ministry Institute <https://youthministryinstitute.yale.edu/>

Yale Divinity School in New Haven, CT **Lunch and Learn -FREE!** 12:00 to 1:30 PM on the first Wednesday of the month

Princeton Forum on Youth Ministry

[Certificate in Youth and Theology](#), Spring Institute and more. For more information on all leadership development opportunities in Youth Ministry at Princeton Theological Seminary in Princeton, NJ <http://iym.ptsem.edu/>

NEAUCE Conference

[New England Association of United Church Educators](#)- May 12-14, 2020.

Pilgrim Pines in Swanzey, NH – Watch our website for upcoming information or follow NEAUCE on Facebook! 3 Days of awesome plenary and keynote, transformative worship, networking, workshops and more! AUCE Member discounts, Scholarships available to CAUCE members

Vibrant Faith Institute

2 options for deepening your capacities: Foundations Program and 4 Specialized Courses <https://vibrantfaith.org/vfi/>



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