

2010 NEAUCE Registration Form

Please print neatly in black ink.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: (h) _____
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(cell) _____

E-mail: _____

@ _____
(required for registration confirmation)

Church Name: _____

C.E. Role: _____

In which state? _____

Have you attended NEAUCE before? Yes ___ No ___

Wed. Morning Workshop Choice: 1st ___ 2nd ___

Wed. Afternoon Workshop Choice: _____

Thurs. Morning Workshop Choice: 1st ___ 2nd ___

Questions about registration: whitera90@hotmail.com
or call Ruth Ann White at 978-582-6572 or 617-842-1617

Miscellaneous NEAUCE Information

Registration deadline: March 15, 2010

Some **scholarship funds** are available. Contact your NEAUCE state representative for more information. Go to www.auce-educators.org (click on "Regions") for contact information.

For safety and security reasons, participants and workshop leaders must be formally registered in order to attend any part of the event.

Registration confirmations will be e-mailed to you.

Join AUCE or renew your membership to get the reduced NEAUCE rate by visiting www.auce-educators.org (click on "Become A Member").

Meals included in the registration fees for the entire event are Tuesday dinner, Wednesday breakfast, lunch, & dinner, and Thursday breakfast & lunch. **Commuter meals** include lunch & dinner only.

NEAUCE event updates may be found at www.auce-educators.org (click on "Regions.") and on facebook.

_____ AUCE Member Fees (dues paid as of 3/1/10) \$ _____

Full Event — \$240
Commuter Rate — \$150

_____ Non-AUCE Member Fees \$ _____

Full Event — \$265
Commuter Rate — \$175

_____ Single room — add \$50 per night \$ _____

_____ Monday night lodging — add \$60 \$ _____

_____ Late payment fee — add \$25 (if registering after 3/15/10) \$ _____

Subtract scholarships expected: \$ _____
Where scholarship is coming from: _____

Subtotal: \$ _____

Minimum non-refundable deposit required:

Full event — \$50 \$ _____
Commuter — \$25 \$ _____

Total due upon arrival: \$ _____

Roomate(s): _____

_____ (Most rooms hold 3-4 people.)

Make checks payable to "NEAUCE."

No Credit Cards Accepted

Make a copy of your registration form for your records and mail completed registration form and payment to:

Ruth Ann White, NEAUCE Registrar
13 Jacklyn Dr.
Lunenburg, MA 01462

New England Association of United Church Educators

39th Annual Conference on
Christian Education

May 4-6, 2010



In the Potters Hand

Shaping the Generations

KEYNOTE SPEAKER:

IVY BECKWITH

We want to raise faithful children. But are churches today helping to fulfill that mission? Or do our children's ministries look more like entertaining babysitting services than places where true spiritual formation happens?



Ivy Beckwith (PhD, Trinity Evangelical Divinity School) is the author of *Postmodern Children's Ministry* and has served churches of all sizes. She has worked as an editor and education consultant for Group Publishing and Gospel Light Publications. She currently serves the Congregational Church of New Canaan, Connecticut, as the Minister for Children and Families.

WORSHIP LEADERS:

REV. SUE REMICK

REV. RUTH MARTZ

Wednesday Morning Workshops

W1. "Maybe We CAN Talk About MONEY in our Churches!"

Patricia Farley Williams and Rev. David Williams

Jesus did talk (lots) about MONEY and how it impacts our lives, and touches our spirits. Maybe, just maybe, we ought to see that conversation happening in our churches - among our youth groups, in our Sunday schools, and in our Bible study groups.

Patricia Farley Williams is a long-time member of NEAUCE, a UCC Partner in Education, and is currently Christian Education Coordinator at the Melvin Villegge Community Church in Tuftonboro, NH. Rev. David C. Williams has pastored MACUCC congregations for 34 years, and for the past 9 years been the "Stewardship Consultant" for the NHCUCC.

W2. Faith Practices: Worship, Learning, and Serving for Vital Congregations

Rev. Ken Ostermiller

Learn about the new resources the UCC has created for churches to begin using in Fall 2010. Resources the first year include those on Giving and Receiving Hospitality, Living Stewardship, Keeping Sabbath, and Playing and Living Joyfully.

Rev. Ken Ostermiller is the minister for Curriculum Development for the UCC national office.

W3. Welcoming Children with Learning Disabilities in Educational Ministries

Debbie Gline Allen

More and more children are being diagnosed with learning disabilities such as Attention Deficit Disorder, Asperger's Syndrome, and other Autism Spectrum Disorders. We know that these are children of God and an integral part of the Body of Christ, but how do we truly welcome them into our programs and worship? In this workshop we will look at the needs of these children, suggest adaptations for programming and worship, and offer help for communicating with families.

Debbie Gline Allen is a Commissioned Minister of Christian Formation in East Derry, NH who serves as the Newsletter Editor and Web Designer for national AUCE, and has two teenage sons with Asperger's Syndrome.

W4. Play and Pray Today

Kristin Putney and Nancy Fowler

Explore some creative ways to play and pray at home with the family. Prayer can go beyond Sundays.

Kristin Putney and Nancy Fowler are both CE directors. Kristin in Seekonk, MA and Nancy in Barre, VT. They are both on the Neauce Planning Team.

Optional Wednesday Afternoon Workshops.

W5. Bringing the Clay to Life

Megan Weymouth

(see description Thursday 11)

Thursday Morning Workshops

T6. Rest for the Soul

Rev. Dr. Lynn Bujnak

Have that drained to the dregs feeling? Don't want to get there in the first place? This workshop is for you! We will explore creativity as a vehicle for rest and renewal and even the restoring of our souls.

Lynn Bujnak is the Conference Minister for the Vermont Conference, UCC. She has a passion for combining traditional spiritual practices with the arts and has taught such courses through Bangor Theological Seminary in Maine.

T7. Tagging and Friending and Groups, Oh My! Ministry and Social Networking

Rev. Eric Anderson

Communication via social networking web sites has expanded enormously in a very short time. But what is social networking? How can it support ministry? And how do we bring our safe church standards to an electronic environment?

Rev. Eric S. Anderson is Minister of Communications and Technology for the Connecticut Conference UCC.

T8. From Rome to the U.C.C.

Karen Ziel

Our congregations' recent newcomers may have been raised in the Roman Catholic tradition and the national average of their numbers is more than 40%. Although proactively seeking a church in adulthood to nurture their faith, many of these adults find the move from the apostolic tradition to be meaningful yet challenging. There are many ways to actively offer workshops and programs to assist former Catholics in the United Church of Christ and resources to assist you.

Karen Ziel is the Commissioned Minister of Christian Education for the Connecticut Conference, UCC and the Ruth Dudley Resource Center. Karen is also a Partner in Education and has been on the NEAUCE planning team.

T9. Feet on the Ground – Head in the Stars : Re-connecting Religion and Science

Rev. Carol Brink

Scientists, like the first theologians, are asking bold questions and making discoveries about the workings of the Universe. Healing the rift between science and religion can enrich both disciplines. Participants will learn how to apply an understanding of quantum physics and cosmology to bring new life to the language and practice of religion.

With twenty-five years as Pastor of churches in Maine and Massachusetts, Rev. Brink has worked extensively with young people and adults to create meaningful educational and worship experiences.

T10. The Whole Church Family

Elsa Marshall, C.M.C.E.

The church is called to be faithful and effective in making disciples. All members of the "church family" are essential as partners in the dynamic, exciting, and life-giving journey of passing on the faith from generation to generation. Learn about creative ways to engage all ages and how to offer opportunities for families to learn and worship together.

Elsa is a Commissioned Minister of Christian Education and Youth Ministry and a certified church educator in the United Church of Christ who serves as the Associate in Christian Education for the Massachusetts Conference, UCC as well as a national UCC Education Consultant.

T11. Bringing the Clay to Life

Megan Weymouth

When does a lump of clay cease to be a lifeless, shapeless mass and become a fabulous one-of-a-kind creation? When a child breathes life into it! Participants will learn different techniques for bringing clay into the Church School classroom and will breathe life into their own shapeless lump of clay to take home with them.

Megan Weymouth is Coordinator for Children and Youth Ministries at The United Congregational Church in Middletown, Rhode Island, is a Certified Church Educator through the United Church of Christ, and is a Partner in Education" for the State of Rhode Island. She speaks extensively throughout the New England area on puppetry and Christian Education methods.

T12. Building Covenants

Rev. Jerry Handspicker

Many churches have covenants of belief included in their constitutions and by-laws. Our denomination depends upon covenantal relationships among congregations in associations conferences, and the denomination itself. The workshop will begin with a sample covenant which is widely used, but will also include an introduction to the communication skills essential for following a newly written covenant.

Jerry is Professor of Pastoral Theology, Emeritus, from Andover Newton Theological School. He developed special skills in interpersonal communication. and has developed consulting partnerships which aided churches in conflict.