



## *Sharing the Good News!*

Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ

'Tis the Season for VBS and Summer Children's Ministry!

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The requests for VBS and summer children's ministry resources have been arriving at my office and at the Resource Center.

When doing research on the above topics I came across an intriguing resource on the U.C.C. website. There I found an Ecumenical Children's Curricula, a joint ministry effort by the U.C.C. and Disciples of Christ. As I read on I was directed to the Kids2Kids website ..."a children's mission program that gives children in North America opportunities to **learn about** and **serve** children from other parts of the world."

Actually there are two resources offered for use: *Journey to Congo* AND *Journey to India*. The programs were developed to "...create a memorable experience for your whole faith community. The program can be adapted for use in small or large congregations...with many or few resources and everything in between. It can be held during the day or evening. It can be adapted for church school classes or other group experiences including

Vacation Bible School. This curriculum is web-based so that it is available to all free of charge".

**WOW**- What more could a VBS team or Children's Ministry Coordinator want! All these things and MORE as you would expect to find in a VBS kit from Hackman's.

In this mailing you will find an overview/synopsis handout for each "journey" program. Please visit the website and explore all that is offered!!! Copies of the programs will be available in the Resource Center for preview but you can download the materials for free. Please let me know if you try this and how you make out. I would appreciate your feedback.

**Here is how to find the resource:** Go to [UCC.org](http://UCC.org)>Church Stuff>Children and Families>New Ecumenical Children's Curricula>Kids2Kids>Visit the Kids2Kids Website>VBS Curriculum>Journey to India and Journey to Congo.

I pray that the children in your midst will experience the love of God and love for children in other parts of the world as we acknowledge that we are all God's children.

Namaste...The light in me acknowledges the light in you,  
*Nancy*

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