

Faith Formation Ministry Team Purpose

Purpose of Team:

The purpose of this team is:

1. To connect those individuals who have a vested interest in creating and sustaining meaningful life-long Christian Faith Formation ministries for all ages;
2. To provide resources and education opportunities for Christian Faith Formation leaders, paid or unpaid, enabling them to equip congregations for faith development.

Describe how this Ministry Team aligns with the vision, mission, and goals of PNEC and UCC:

Faith Formation opportunities allow faith development to begin to create life-long disciples of Christ. The mission of the conference reminds us to equip congregations for ministry in the church, community and in the world. The Faith Formation team energizes and supports the development of relationships within and among individuals and groups of the church and the conference. This team's purpose also lives out the UCC denomination-wide initiative of "3 Great Loves." Through meaningful Faith Formation programs, we encourage love of Children, Neighbor, and Creation.

Goals for the Team are:

1. Providing networking opportunities for those engaged in Faith Formation activities within congregations.
2. Providing education and resourcing for Faith Formation leaders who work within the conference.
3. Provide educational programs and support for Christian Education and Faith Formation volunteers/staff within congregations.
 - a. Provide one educational program in the 2018-2019 program year.
4. Collaborate, coordinate, and promote single and multi-congregational mission and service activities with community partners and local organizations.
 - a. Support one conference-wide mission or service activity.
5. Provide information and connections with the wider church, including Middle-Atlantic Association of United Church Educators.

Describe how people can become engaged in the work of this Ministry Team:

People can gather in person for support, resource sharing, and fellowship; engage in social media including the Facebook through the group entitled: "PNEC Educators"; participate in team meetings and networking breakfasts.

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