

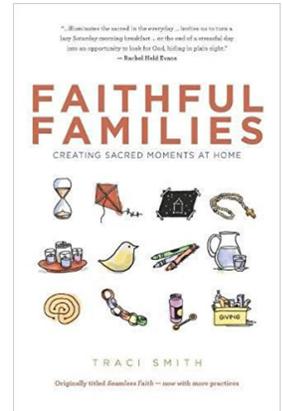
Mid-Atlantic Association of United Church Educators
MA-AUCE PRESENTS:

CUTTING EDGE FAITH FORMATION 2018



Vital Faith Formation Inside & Outside the Church

Facilitated by Rev. Traci Smith
*Author of Faithful Families:
Creating Sacred Moments at Home*



Monday, April 9 – Wednesday, April 11, 2018

***Block & Hexter Retreat Center
31 Barry Watson Way, Lakewood, PA***

***How do we support ourselves and those we serve
in the midst of messy life?***

***How do we bring new life and new faith
into all that we are doing?***

***How do we equip parents to embrace their role
as their children's primary faith former?***

***How do we reach people where they are –
even if that's not very often in church?***

Pastor and Author Traci Smith will lead us in a series of highly engaging, practical workshops. You will leave with usable tools and ideas that you can implement in your ministry context.

Whether you work full-time, part-time, or very part-time, are paid or volunteer, are a pastor, Christian Ed professional, or volunteer, this conference is for you!

Accommodations

Block & Hexter Retreat Center (also known as "Camp Zeke") provides hotel-style accommodations in the the Poconos Mountains. For more information about the Center, visit their website: http://www.campzeke.org/block_and_hexter_retreat_center/

Program Details

Registration begins at 2:00 p.m. on Monday, and the program begins at 3:00 p.m. On Wednesday, we end with closing worship at 12:00 p.m. and lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Workshops

Traci will lead us in the following workshops:

- ***How Can God Hold Up the Whole World in God's Hands? Doesn't that Get Heavy?***
– Learn about James Fowler's "Stages of Faith," and talk about practical implications for how to incorporate his theory in our family ministries.
- ***Making Worship Accessible to Everyone: Praygrounds, Soft Spaces, and Other Modifications for Truly Intergenerational Worship*** – How can we create meaningful worship services and spaces that help young children, youth, and older adults worship together in the same space?
- ***Finding Time: How to Nurture Faith Development in a Busy World*** – Strategies and practices for allowing faith formation to exist alongside a busy life and how to help parents in our congregations who struggle to manage hectic lives.
- ***Peace Like a River: Spiritual Practices of Tranquility and Calm for Children and Adults***
– Explore a variety of different spiritual practices for managing the anxiety, stress, and overload that affect people of all ages.
- ***Out with Sunday School?*** – Is Sunday School a thing of the past? We'll learn about a variety of different old and new Sunday School models and consider pros and cons of each.

In addition, we will have time to share our successes and struggles, to network, to worship together, and to relax and rejuvenate.

Conference Fees

(accommodations, linens, meals, and snacks)
By 1/15/18: \$290.00
After 1/15/18: \$350.00
Tuesday only (includes lunch & dinner): \$60.00
Single Room Supplement: \$60.00
AUCE/APCE Member Discount: - \$29.00

Registration

Register & Pay Online at:
<http://bit.ly/MAAUCE-reg2018>

OR

Complete this form and mail with check to:
Betsy Richardson
Union Congregational Church
176 Cooper Ave.
Montclair, NJ 07043

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Church: _____

Position: _____

Conference: _____

Dietary/Accessibility Needs: _____

Roommate Request (optional):

Fee Total: _____

(Make check payable to PNEC with MA-AUCE 2018 Conference on the memo line)

Registration Deadline:
March 1, 2018