

Faith Formation Resource Ministry Team 2017 Annual Report

The goal of the Faith Formation Resource Ministry Team is to serve as resource for supporters, nurturers, and encouragers of local church faith formation for all ages, including but not limited to curriculum resources, youth programming, and youth leader and educator gatherings. The team is open to those who have an interest in sharing, connecting and networking.

Our Ministry team continues to discover ways to best use our collective skills and interests to promote, plan, invite, and encourage local churches and individuals to participate in the ministry of Christian spiritual/faith formation.

We officially adopted our new identity as Faith Formation Ministry Team consisting of educators from both associations. We adjusted our mission statement as written above. We have added additional administrators to our faith formation website so we can more easily monitor activity and update the resources more frequently. The website is <http://www.eoawrafaithformation.com>

We gathered for our annual picnic with area educators both active and retired in June at the Octagon Shelter. Our annual retreat was held at Pilgrim Hills in September. We “Prayed, Planned, Played” through the days with meaningful conversations around our vision for Christian education, planning for future events, and saying goodbye to Pilgrim Hills.

Several educators from this Ministry Team attended the annual GLAUCE Conference – Great Lakes Association of United Church Educators. Pokagon State Park, Indiana was the beautiful setting for this event where educators from Wisconsin, Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, and Ohio gather to network, learn, pray, worship, laugh and retreat together.

We are planning to sponsor a Boundary Training event in 2018 and we are in conversation with a potential leader. This will be specifically designed for Christian Educators and Youth Leaders.

This team continues to collaborate with other teams –Xtreme Team Youth Council, Outdoor Ministries, networking with youth leaders and educators in local churches--to plan, implement and promote activities and programs for educators and youth leaders, and opportunities for Christian faith formation for people of all ages across our Associations and Conference setting.

Respectfully submitted,

Faith Formation Resource Ministry Team