

Faith Formation Coordinator
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2017 Annual Report

Starting April 1, 2017, this 10 hour/per month position has as its major responsibilities—attending the meetings of the Faith Formation Team and assisting in its planning of events, and communicating and networking with those doing Faith Formation in EOAWRA.

I met with the two Faith Formation Teams at a meeting in April when they voted to merge and become one team. They had already been meeting and planning together for some time, so joining together as one team was an easy move. Following this meeting, I became acquainted with the database of faith formers and sent out an introduction letter and request for updated contact information

I helped the Team with logistics for their Annual Summer Picnic for Church Educators held at the Octagon Shelter in the Cuyahoga National Park in June.

I was named an administrator on the FF Facebook page and started posting resources and upcoming events. And I have had conversations with those working on the FF Website which will soon be linked with the EOAWRA website.

In September, I attended the Healthy Practices Seminar: An Unexamined Ministry is Not Worth Doing. I attended the Conference at the UCC Church House on Children's Ministries in Progressive Churches. And I also was a part of the EOAWRA Faith Formation Retreat at Pilgrim Hills that offered time to Plan, Pray, and Play.

I also serve as the Ohio Representative to GLAUCE (Great Lakes Association of United Church Educators) and thus serve on the planning team for their annual gathering held in October which this year also included leading a workshop on Prayer Practices for Children and leading a large group Scripture Engagement time. I worked hard at connecting with educators in our conference and almost half of the participants of the event came from Ohio.

I have been a part of conversations for future plans of the FF Team which includes—a Brown Bag Lunch Gathering of Church Educators in November to share advent plans and Ideas for Lent. These kind of get-togethers will likely be quarterly. A Boundary Training for Church Educators and Youth Ministers is also planned for April 2018.

It has been my pleasure to serve the EOAWRA Associations in this position. Faith Formation will continue to play an important part of growth in our local and regional settings. It is a blessing to be surrounded by a remarkable group doing faith formation ministry throughout our associations.