

Christian Education Theory and Practice

March 15-19, 2010

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Purpose

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) provides a program to recognize persons employed as professional church educators, certifying them as Christian Educators or as Certified Associate Christian Educators, or enrolling them as Enrolled Educational Assistants. For more information, consult the denominations' website (www.pcusa.org).

Courses Offered

- Biblical Interpretation
- Reformed Theology
- Human Development
- Religious Education Theory / Practice
- Presbyterian Polity
- Presbyterian Program and Mission
- Worship and Sacraments

Who Can Attend?

- Paid and Volunteer Educators
- Professional Educators pursuing any of the PC(U.S.A.) certification tracks
- Educators who wish to consider pursuing educator certification
- Interested Educators from other denominations
- Those working in related fields, such as Pre-School Directors and Youth Directors

**Journey Inward,
Journey Outward:
The Future of Christian Education**

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Derry Presbyterian Church

Hershey, PA

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About Debbie Hough

Debbie Hough is a life-long Presbyterian, ordained as a ruling elder in 1973. She is a graduate of California State College (now California University, B.S. in Ed.), Indiana

University of Pennsylvania (M. Ed.), and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education. She has served Presbyterian congregations as Director of Christian Education in Mobile, Ala.; Fayetteville, N.C.; and Houston, Texas. In 1980, she became a Certified Christian Educator.

Debbie also graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary (M.Div.) in 1994, but chose not to seek ordination. She is currently the Director of Christian Education at Derry Presbyterian Church in Hershey, Pa. She has served as secretary and president of the Eastern Region of Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) and has been an adjunct faculty member of Lancaster Theological Seminary.

With Carol Wehrheim, Debbie co-authored the "Children & Sacraments" resource for *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*. With Mary Speedy, she wrote a study guide for "Children in the Sanctuary" video. She has also written curriculum for the United Church of Christ and for the PC(USA). Most recently Debbie and Carol authored "A Journey of Faith with Harry Potter" – a curriculum that must-not-be-published. (If you ask, she'll give it to you.)

Debbie is an avid collector of dolls. She loves going to auctions and movies, reading mysteries, and spending time with her three cats.

About Christian Education Theory and Practice

How many of us who serve congregations as Christian educators could describe the basis for our choices of programs, curriculum, resources, and learning and teaching styles? What role does our theology and our educational theory make in our decision processes? Sometimes the answers to these questions are assumed and we would be hard pressed to articulate our responses.

This course is designed to help educators examine what they are currently doing within their settings. Then we will examine the "whys" as we explore the work of educational theorists, to determine how these theories impact the day-to-day practice of the Christian educator's ministry. There will be reading and writing assignments prior to and following the course. A variety of teaching methods will be used during class meetings as we reflect together on this important topic.

Reading List

Basics of Christian Education, Karen B. Tye, Chalice Press, 2000

Mapping Christian Education, Approaches to Congregational Learning, Jack L. Seymour, Editor, Abingdon Press, 1997

Five Minds for the Future, Howard Gardner, Harvard Business School Press, 2006

The Seventeen Traditions, Ralph Nader, Harper Collins, 2007

Cost*

\$225 (\$250 after Feb. 22)

*This fee also includes your registration for the workshop "Journey Inward / Journey Outward."

Meals

Reasonably priced breakfasts and lunches are available on campus Monday through Friday.

Overnight Housing

If you wish to reserve a room in Calian Residence Hall, please contact the Housing Office at 412-924-1397 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To Register

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Registration Deadline

Monday, March 1, 2010

Cancellation Policy

Course fees minus a \$25 administrative fee will be refunded for cancellations made up to one week prior to the course date. No refunds for cancellations after that date. In the event of bad weather, check with the Seminary's main switchboard (412-362-5610) for weather related class delays or cancellations.