



THE NETWORK FOR CHRISTIAN FORMATION

## CREATING A CHRISTIAN FORMATION TOOLBOX

### Responsibilities you need tools for:

#### Administrative

Job description  
Calling & training leaders  
Budget  
Calendar  
Staff oversight  
Vestry / Annual Reports  
Curricula  
Program planning  
Staff meetings  
Safe Church

#### Teaching

Confirmation  
Sacramental prep  
Program implementation

#### Pastoral

Leaders  
Parents  
Children  
Youth

#### Liturgical

Children's Chapel  
Pageants  
Holy Days

#### Personal

Continuing ed  
Spiritual director  
Colleague group  
Journal / Time keeping

### “Top Ten” Book Shelf Resources

1. *Called to Teach and Learn: A Catechetical Vision and Guide for the Episcopal Church* (1994) [http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/documents/CTTL\\_English.pdf](http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/documents/CTTL_English.pdf)
2. *The Courage to Teach: Exploring the Inner Landscape of a Teacher's Life* by Parker Palmer (Jossey-Bass, 1998).
3. *Discovering Called to Teach and Learn* by Joseph Russell  
[www.episcopalchurch.org/files/dctl\\_engl\\_whole.pdf](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/dctl_engl_whole.pdf) Spanish:  
[www.episcopalchurch.org/files/Descubriendo\\_Una\\_Llamado%281%29.pdf](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/Descubriendo_Una_Llamado%281%29.pdf)
4. *The Episcopal Christian Educator's Handbook* edited by Sharon Ely Pearson (Morehouse, 2013)
5. *Fashion Me a People: Curriculum in the Church* by Maria Harris (WJK, 1989)
6. *The Episcopal Handbook, revised edition* (Church Publishing, 2015)
7. *Liturgy for the Whole Church* by Susan Bock (Church Publishing, 2008)
8. *Planning for Rites and Rituals: A Resource for Episcopal Worship* (Church Publishing, published annually per liturgical year: A, B, C)
9. *The Prayer Book Guide to Christian Education, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition* edited by Sharon Ely Pearson and Robyn Coolidge-Szoke (Morehouse, 2009)
10. *Will Our Children Have Faith? 3<sup>rd</sup> edition* by John Westerhoff III (Morehouse, 2012)

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## Documents to Download and Post

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1. *Awake My Soul: A Liturgical Resources for use with Children and Adults* edited by Ernesto Medina and Julia Huttar Bailey  
[www.episcopalchurch.org/files/MYP\\_Awake\\_My\\_Soul%281%29.pdf](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/MYP_Awake_My_Soul%281%29.pdf)
2. *The Baptismal Covenant* [www.episcopalchurch.org/page/baptismal-covenant](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/baptismal-covenant)
3. *The Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation* (Resolution A082 – 2009)  
[http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/documents/formationCharter\\_8.5x11\\_f.pdf](http://archive.episcopalchurch.org/documents/formationCharter_8.5x11_f.pdf)
4. *The Children's Charter for the Church* (Resolution B008 – 1997)  
[www.episcopalchurch.org/files/091204\\_childrens\\_charter\\_flyer.pdf](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/091204_childrens_charter_flyer.pdf)

## Documents to Download and Print (Youth Ministries)

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1. *Episcopal Youth in Mission Handbook* edited by Abi Moon and Pete Crow (DFMS, 2015)  
[www.episcopalchurch.org/page/episcopal-youth-mission-manual](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/page/episcopal-youth-mission-manual)
2. *Handbook for Ministries with Older Adolescents in the Episcopal Church* edited by Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook (DFMS, 1996) [www.episcopalchurch.org/files/min\\_older\\_adolescents.pdf](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/min_older_adolescents.pdf)
3. *Handbook for Ministries with Young Adolescents in the Episcopal Church* edited by Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook (DFMS, 1996)  
[www.episcopalchurch.org/files/handbook\\_young\\_adolescents.pdf](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/handbook_young_adolescents.pdf)
4. *Resource Book for Ministries with Youth and Young Adults in the Episcopal Church* edited by Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook and Lois Sibley (DFMS, 1995)  
[www.episcopalchurch.org/files/yaya\\_min\\_book.pdf](http://www.episcopalchurch.org/files/yaya_min_book.pdf)

## Websites to Bookmark

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1. *Building Faith* [www.buildfaith.org](http://www.buildfaith.org)
2. *Virginia Theological Seminary Lifelong Learning* [www.vts.edu/lifelong-learning/lifelong-learning](http://www.vts.edu/lifelong-learning/lifelong-learning)
  - VBS, Curriculum, and Book Reviews
  - Webinars and Continuing Education
  - Episcopal Teacher Magazine (downloadable articles)
3. *Episcopal Church Foundation* [www.episcopalfoundation.org](http://www.episcopalfoundation.org)
  - Vestry Papers
  - Vital Practices
4. *Forma* [www.forma.church](http://www.forma.church)
5. *Lesson Plans That Work* <http://episcopaldigitalnetwork.com/lessons/> (lectionary lesson plans for all ages)
6. *The Prayer Book Guide to Christian Education* [www.prayerbookguide.com](http://www.prayerbookguide.com) (lectionary reflections and study guide)
7. *Rows of Sharon* [www.rowsofsharon.com](http://www.rowsofsharon.com)
  - Curriculum Charts
  - Book Reviews
  - Annual Education Planning Calendar
  - Power Point Presentations (in pdf form)
  - Opinion and Commentary on faith, formation, and the Church
8. *StoryPath* <http://storypath.upsem.edu> (children's literature in Christian education settings)
9. *The Text This Week* [www.textweek.com](http://www.textweek.com) (lectionary links)
10. *Worshipping with Children* <http://worshippingwithchildren.blogspot.com>

## **Episcopal Publishers**

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- Candle Press [www.candlepress.com](http://www.candlepress.com) (independent)
- Church Publishing Incorporated [www.churchpublishing.org](http://www.churchpublishing.org) (trustees elected by General Convention – a division of the Church Pension Group-CPG)
- Forward Movement [www.forwardmovement.org](http://www.forwardmovement.org) (founded and supported by General Convention)
- LeaderResources [www.leaderresources.org](http://www.leaderresources.org) (independent)