



*\*\*This document is also found in the SNEUCC guide, "The Faith Formation Leader's Handbook" found at <https://www.sneucc.org/hiring-faith-formation-and-youth-ministry-leaders>*

### ***Discerning Your Call to Faith Formation Ministries***

Discernment is an important process in saying 'yes', whether to shepherding a Sunday school group or stepping into the role of youth advisor. It is certainly very important in determining whether the work of leading Christian education or faith formation as an employee of a local congregation is right for you. How are your gifts being used or affirmed? What unexpected opportunities have sparked your imagination or enliven your experience? This brief framework of reflective, open ended questions will enable you to consider a call to this work. Once you affirm your 'yes', there are many opportunities for continued education or to work with a mentor as you get you started on the journey!

This worksheet is offered to you as a guide for self-reflection to journal your thoughts and ideas. It is meant to offer lay members an opportunity to consider the passions and various aspects of their faith journey which may contribute to identifying a call to lead faith formation ministry in the local church. It can be completed by the individual and be used as a tool for conversation with a trusted advisor, mentor, or church leader.

***Personal Reflection:*** These questions are meant to enable you to affirm passions, strengths, etc. and enable you to identify or name your call.

➤ **What is my passion?**

*(Some examples: Art, Mission, Teaching, Worship, Music, Caregiving, Event Planning, Administration, etc. Identify your passion in one word, then elaborate with a few sentences.)*

➤ **Am I good at my passion? In what ways?**

➤ **What are areas for improvement?**

➤ **How does this passion fit within a faith community?**

*(I'm not sure is a valid answer, here you can use bullet points if needed.)*

➤ **Describe faith experiences that have helped you discern or name your call.**



- **Who are the individuals who have helped encourage or affirm my passion and/or call?**

***Next Steps:*** Action steps enable you to put your passion into action in the ministry of the church. Your next steps may include

- **What next steps will I take to explore how my passion (and call) find a place in my church? (2 Steps)**
- **What next steps will I take to develop my skills for carrying out my passion (and call)? (2 Steps)**
- **Whom should I discuss enacting my passions (and call) with?**
- **Who can assist me to name or live out these next steps successfully?**