Expectations of Students
in the Faith Formation Leadership Certificate Program

✓ Attend all required class sessions (via Zoom).

   Core Classes (3 contact hours each):
   • Developing Faith — Ages and Stages
   • Engaging Our Sacred Scripture’s Story
   • Living Into the Mystery — Worship and Sacraments in the United Church of Christ
   • Exploring the United Church of Christ — Our History, Our Beliefs, Our identity
   • Making Disciples — Theories and Practices for the 21st Century
   • Serving Together — Mission for All Ages
   • Boundary Awareness for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry Leaders
   • Faith Formation 101 — Practices for a Sustainable Ministry
   • Exploring Curriculum & Digital Resources
   • Youth Ministry 101 — Practices for a Sustainable Ministry (if needed)

Workshops at Super Saturday (https://www.sneucc.org/supersaturday) (offered twice a year — March and October) (1.5 to 2 contact hours each):
   • Safe Church Policies
   • Racial Justice

2 Electives at Super Saturday (https://www.sneucc.org/supersaturday) and/or the New England Association of United Church Educators Conference (https://www.auce-ucc.org/new-england) and/or a webinar (at least 1 to 1 1/2 hours each)

✓ Keep track of classes taken.
   Include the date, the instructor, and keep a copy of your reflection responses. A class tracking form is available on the Faith Formation Leadership Certificate Program webpage (https://www.sneucc.org/certification) found under “Quick Links for Registrants.” This form will also serve as part of your request for Certification after you have completed all of the requirements.

✓ Submit responses to the Reflection Question(s) for each core class (3-hour) session.

✓ Regular participation in a Faith Formation Community of Practice (https://www.sneucc.org/cecop).

✓ Membership in the Association of United Church Educators.
   Visit their website to become a member: www.auce-ucc.org. Strongly encourage your church to pay for this membership in support of your ministry with them.
✓ Keep your pastor, Faith Formation/Youth Committee, and congregation updated on your learnings and progress.

✓ Pay for Core Class sessions as soon as possible after registering.
   If your church doesn’t already pay for these classes, strongly encourage them to do so, as a show of support for your ministry.

**Equivalent Classes**
For those who are unable to attend one of the classes within this program or have already taken a class on the same topic, equivalent classes may be accepted as having fulfilled the requirements for that class. To be considered an equivalent, the class/course/workshop/webinar must be at least 3 contact hours (at least 1.5 to 2 contact hours for electives, Racial Justice, and Safe Church). A copy of a transcript or certificate with the student’s name, date(s), and instructor(s) included, submitted to the administrator of this program, will suffice as proof of having taken the class.

**NEW IN 2022!  Optional 24-Hour Retreat**
As part of the Faith Formation Leadership Program, we will offer a 24-hour retreat experience for examining your sense of call to ministry. This time apart will include exercises for exploring God’s call, opportunities to connect with colleagues in the Program, time for prayer, meditation, and quiet relaxation. This retreat will be a pre-event to the annual New England Association of United Church Educators Conference held at Pilgrim Pines Camp & Retreat Center in Swanzey, NH. The 2022 event is scheduled for May 3-5, and the pre-event retreat will be held May 2-3. Visit https://www.auce-ucc.org/new-england for NEAUCE updates.

**Keeping Covenant in a UCC Congregation**
You are encouraged to attend Annual Meetings of your local congregation, your Association, and your Conference to gain a better understanding of the United Church of Christ and your role and responsibilities as one who ministers in a UCC congregation. If you have the opportunity to attend a national UCC General Synod, you will not regret it. Attendance at these meetings/gatherings is not required for Certification, but they will serve you well as a part of your training in faith formation ministries.

**Questions?**
More specific details about this program are provided at https://www.sneucc.org/certification. You may also contact the program administrator, Debbie Gline Allen, at glineallend@sneucc.org or 508-603-6011.