
Our Mission

The Association of United Church Educators (AUCE) brings together national, conference, local church, and other educators to promote quality church education and a high level of competence among church educators. AUCE members recognize that church education is a vital ministry in the life of the church. AUCE members work for growth toward greater competency of persons engaged in church education.



Why are you a GLAUCE member?

"I remember my first GLAUCE fall event over 10 years ago, I was new to the teaching ministry and from the minute I arrived I remember feeling like I had "come home." The friendships, practical ideas, along with the engaging workshops and thought provoking presentations helped to support and nurture my growth and professional development."

*Marcia Beer, VISION Program Director
Michigan Conference UCC, VISION*

"As a Christian Education Director, I'd heard about GLAUCE. It was when a friend actually invited me to a GLAUCE event that I made the commitment to join. Why hadn't I done it sooner? Great programs, a network of educators willing to share their best ideas and behind each one is a vast list of trustworthy resources. These are faithful people who understand how important the teaching ministry is in shaping disciples of all ages. I'm glad to be among them."

*Rev. Gail O'Neal, Associate Conference
Minister, Wisconsin Conference UCC*

"My first GLAUCE event was three years ago. Our church was in a time of transition and I volunteered to help lead Christian Education. My background was teaching Sunday School. GLAUCE offered me an opportunity to connect with other Christian Educators, share resources, most importantly learn where to find resources! It supported me at the beginning of my Christian Education profession and continues to provide a nurturing ongoing ministry as I've grown in my position."
Penny Johnson, Director of Children's Ministries, Union Church of Hinsdale, IL



Great Lakes Association of United Church Educators



Celebrating the teaching ministry

www.auce-educators.org

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Who we are...

We are people like you engaged in teaching ministries of the United Church of Christ. We are pastors, teachers, youth advisors, outdoor ministers, conference and national staff.

We are educators from the Great Lakes Conferences of the United Church of Christ—Illinois, Illinois South, Michigan Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky, and Wisconsin.



“When I have tried to explain why I love GLAUCE to people lately, I have been saying that it's like VBS for CE Directors. We have fellowship with other professional who are walking the same path. There is worship, praising of God, singing with the workshops that speak to current needs of the local church and educators. We also have wisdom of experience that you do not find in other arenas. For me it's the most valuable use of my time that keeps me inspired and renewed.”
Wendy LeForge, Ohio

What we do...

Each fall, GLAUCE hosts an educational event in October which draws over 60 participants from the Great Lakes Region. Plenary sessions with keynote speakers, as well as, workshops, worship and Sabbath times, bookstore and fellowship times are offered.

Participants return to their teaching settings with renewed energy and enthusiasm for the teaching ministry, along with practical and creative ideas for education, new friendships, professional connections and spiritual renewal.

You are invited....

You are invited to join with this community of people because you:

- Recognize church education and youth ministry as a vital ministry in the life of the church
- Value growth and maturity of faith for all
- Advocate for church education, church educators, and youth workers; and
- Seek to broaden the scope and depth of education ministries in the United Church of Christ.



The AUCE in GLAUCE...

The Association of United Church Educators (AUCE) is a national organization founded over 35 years ago to advocate and support teaching ministries in all settings. Each region has its own group of AUCE educators. The Great Lakes Association of United Church Educators (GLAUCE) is a regional group from the Great Lakes States.

When you join AUCE, you are automatically a member of GLAUCE and will receive important information for educators in the AUCE newsletter, a discount at GLAUCE events and join a network of educators who want ideas and support.

To join AUCE go to:

www.auce-educators.org

An educators' network is imperative in lifting the professions of educators/youth ministers. I value each GLAUCE meeting because I learn from our speakers, workshop leaders, and all the other educators attending - an opportunity I wouldn't miss! They are valued partners in Christ's mission and ministry.

*Nancy Dickinson, Partner in Education,
Indiana*