

Resource Areas NAECED Members are asking for:

Curriculum (10 responses)

- Lessons on MDGs
- Episcopal curriculum choices and resources
- Good Episcopal curriculum.
- Middle school curriculum
- Preteen curriculum
- Children's progressive Christianity resources
- Those "I wonder" questions. Those are what develop in our children an ability to think theologically and give them an opportunity to form a personal lifelong relationship with God. Once again, developing programs that recognize how children learn and retain information. An awareness of the learning needs of today's children: experiential, creative, use of current technology, and provides the learning environments to support that formation. I truly feel that we need to provide those experiences instead of the way some of what some of our curriculums offer children. Just think of having the some thing done each week and taught in the same way each Sunday for 6 years of your life--would get kinda boring. Kids today need more than that.
- Better curriculum for Intermediates (gr. 4-6)
- Resources for small Church School Programs with limited funds and volunteers
- Publish a variety of learning possibilities that include video, reading, active participation. I am able to buy great things from non-Episcopal publishers. Where are the Episcopal writers like Madeline L'Engle? What my congregants read are books with horrid English, bad writing, and fluffy foundations. Let's get some educated writers for young people.

Adult Education (9 responses)

- Adult Christian education
- Need adult education and formation programs that address different populations of a parish: i.e. moms, dads, parents, couples, etc.
- Need programs that are appropriate theologically for a mainstream Episcopalian
- Adult theology 101
- Intro to The Episcopal Church
- We keep looking for material on "the ministry of the baptized", emphasizing the ministry of the lay rather than the ordained.
- Self-study programs for adults (adult curriculae designed for lay leaders)
- Better adult resources -more relevant for people's everyday lives
- Release more denominational programming for adults like: the Diocese of Texas' *Discovery Series*, *Via Media* and an Episcopal version of something like the *Living the Questions* DVDs.

Professional Materials (7 responses)

- Professionalism in the field
- Christian Educator's role in congregational development
- Information on recruiting persons in the parish to fulfill the needs of our programs.
- Designing programs that recognize how children learn and how we can teach and support the children here in 2008 in their faith formation.
- Curriculum reviews, pageant reviews
- As a person responsible for cradle to grave faith formation, I find basic "how to" information is lacking. Often times books, magazines and NAECED members go into great depths on specific ages that basic information is overlooked.
- Marketing/Outreach/Welcome materials

Liturgical Year & Worship (6 responses)

- Drama and music that relate to Episcopal liturgical year - I always have to write my own.
- Children's books related to scripture, pieces of liturgy and special days in the Church Year, ie Pentecost.
- Revised Common Lectionary for children's Liturgy of the Word that connects with broader theology of progressive Christianity.
- Children's Chapel programs
- More resources for creative homilies in emerging church type worship settings
- We could really use more resources for engaging children in worship more. We heavily use Gretchen Wolff Pritchard's materials as well as *Awake My Soul* and the resources, which arose afterwards from that material. I would love to see that work continue... to be able to enrich worship with child friendly language and story and prayer but to do so in a way that engages everyone and stays faithful to our Episcopal/Anglican tradition too.

Faith Formation in the Home (5 responses)

- Parenting
- Information on faith formation in the home.
- One of the biggest needs I have is for easily accessible and affordable resources for parents. That is both to provide parents with the means to support the spiritual development of their children and also just to persuade parents as to the importance of this part of their child's nurture. I am one person, though, in a congregation serving not only all of our children from birth to age 18 but also their parents. I have to carefully balance my time so materials will need to be very user friendly.
- More web resources for families
- Parents training workshop . . . give them tools to bring Faith training to the families

Preteen & Youth Material (5 responses)

- Teen or youth material
- Spiritual/Reflection materials for Youth
- Preteen youth groups
- More for older children that builds on foundation we've laid
- Develop liturgies for youth.

Communication of Resources (5 responses)

- It would be great to have all the amazing information that I have learned on NAECED available to the masses. It amazes people to find out how much information I have acquired from all the amazing people on that listserv
- Better use of electronic communications.
- Better information about resources.
- Again, Communication, Teamwork, Organization
- Online resources and directory of existing resources.