

NEWS FROM LYNNE PABST

Our Certified Christian Educator and POINT Partner

Certified Christian Educators

Who is a Certified Christian Educator? “Certified Christian educators are persons certified and called to service in the ministry of education in congregations or councils.” (Book of Order G-2.1103)

What are the levels of Certification? There are 2 levels of certification:

Certified Christian Educator in PC(USA)

Certified Education Associates in the PC(USA) – With minimal requirements, this certification can act as a steppingstone to being a Certified Christian Educator.

What is a Certified Christian Educator’s knowledge base? CCE’s establish through documented trainings and demonstrated skills a knowledge base in biblical interpretation, Reformed theology, worship and sacraments, human development, faith development, religious educational theory and practice as well as the polity, programs and mission of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

How does a person receive certification? Steps to Certification in brief:

1. Be a member of the PC(USA)
2. Be connected with a PC(USA) congregation, governing body, agency
3. Become familiar with the process by visiting the website
4. Complete application
5. Complete appropriate trainings/courses
6. Establish a reference group
7. Successfully pass an Examination in the knowledge areas.

Are Certified Christian Educators only helpful to churches with children? No, all congregations can benefit. Faith formation is a birth to death process and Certified Christian Educators are trained to work with all ages. Some, however, realize a calling to a particular area such a youth ministry, family ministry or adult ministry.

Isn’t our Pastor trained to do everything a CCE is? Yes and No! Depending upon the seminary attended and the track of study completed an ordained minister of Word and Sacrament may have some gaps in training when it comes to educational ministry. Some ordained ministers have pursued Christian Educator Certification, and some have not. Some CCEs have moved forward to completing study for ordination and some have not. It is best to look at the Ordained Minister of Word and Sacrament and the Certified Christian Educator as a team complementing one another’s work within the congregation.

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Important Links:

For more information and forms related to Certified Christian Educator:
<https://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/christianeducators/certification-educators/>

Frequently Asked Questions about CCE: <https://oga.pcusa.org/section/mid-council-ministries/christianeducators/educator-certification-faq/>

In case you did not get this link to PC Resources: <https://mailchi.mp/pcusastore/2rap4ldyit-1141224?e=3219f3057b>

Give me a call or drop an email if you would like to talk more about becoming a CCE or about how the CCE program can help your congregation:

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