



POINT Topic Forum attendees brainstorm

Shared ideas for introducing new curriculum

Challenged to create an action plan

Network News

Spring 2015

Plans for Curriculum Interpretation

POINT Representatives, who attended the POINT Topic Forum in Baltimore, brainstormed action plans for introducing and interpreting *Growing in Grace & Gratitude*. Review their list of ideas and create your own plan to inform congregations in your area.

- Learn as much as you can about the curriculum—its features, components, formats, and prices—from the curriculum website at growinggracegratitude.org, the curriculum catalog, curriculum brochures, and other promotional tools
- Download and become familiar with the age level samples or order the free Sample Sunday booklet
- Invite a CMP representative to come and do a workshop in your area, including but not limited to, the following:
 - Pre-presbytery workshop
 - Introduce curriculum as part of a presbytery meeting
 - Provide a display, with samples and information about the curriculum
 - Offer a workshop at an educators' group or other leadership event
- If trained by taking a workshop at APCE or another event, adapt your experience as a workshop to present at your church or for a cluster of churches
- Provide a written report about the curriculum to presbytery as an online recommendation
- Promote in newsletters and e-bulletins through resource centers or as part of presbytery communications and packets
- Save and resend or forward The POINT Connection e-news or printed quarterly POINT Network News articles and curriculum information

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Letter from the Coordinator

Excitement is building around the new children's curriculum, *Growing in Grace & Gratitude*. POINT representatives can download free samples at growinggracegratitude.org, attend a curriculum workshop in your area (see schedule pages 3–4), and find tools for interpretation of all CMP curriculum in the 2015 POINT ministry guide at pcusa.org/point. Thank you for sharing the excitement!

Candace C. Hill, coordinator, Educational Ministries

Plans for Curriculum Interpretation, continued

- Promote through social media—email, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube
- Create and conduct a webinar
- Distribute samples, fliers, and copies
- Post the curriculum logos on the presbytery website
- Send the curriculum introductory tip sheet found in the POINT Ministry Guide, Section Two
- Have a conversation with people in your presbytery about why the theme and name of grace and gratitude
- Inform congregations that *We Believe* is ending and that *Growing in Grace & Gratitude* is the new children's curriculum option for our denomination (in addition to *Feasting on the Word Curriculum* in partnership with PPC)
- Encourage congregations to participate in sample Sunday, to give the curriculum a try without obligation
- Meet with C. E. elders, commissioned ruling elders, pastors, and volunteers in the presbytery to introduce the curriculum, with suggestions for adapting for a variety of contexts and settings

Flipping the Classroom, 1.0

A conversation about flipped instruction—the concept of moving from teacher-centered models to child, youth, and adult motivated experiences—took place at the Association of Presbyterian Church Educators (APCE) in Baltimore. Some of the history, the basics, and general research of flipped classroom instruction were shared, along with practical examples and an extensive bibliography.

One result of the workshop was the buzz! People left the room talking about next steps. Those who have tried the model before left with the desire to try again. Other participants, those who knew a little about flipping the classroom, expanded their tool kits. Attendees who never heard about the concept were introduced to the range of possibilities. Mostly people discovered that flipped instruction happens when opportunities are provided for exploring faith outside the church.

The questions asked were another important part of the conversation.

- If other institutions around the country are turning education upside down, pushing it out the door into the home and community, why not the church?
- What can congregations do to get onboard?
- How can churches design ministry that is more about the individual and less about the location?
- What are our ideas for flipping classrooms in faith communities?

If you would like to join the conversation about flipping the classroom, contact candace.hill@pcusa.org.

**Planning
Christian
education events
in your area?
Please tell us.**



PRESBYTERIANS ORGANIZED IN
Nurture & Teaching

Locate your POINT CMP regional representative or view the POINT network list at pcusa.org/point/directory. Contact one of these Christian education representatives for support of your educational ministry, especially for assistance with the interpretation and selection of resources.

Coming Events

April 11*

National Capital Presbytery
 United Christian Parish
 11508 North Shore Dr., Reston, VA
 10:00 a.m.–Noon
 Contact Billie Sutter at
 billie@ucpreston.org

April 17*

West North Carolina Presbytery
 Montreat Conference Center
 401 Assembly Dr., Montreat, NC
 1:00 p.m.–3:00 p.m.
 Contact Mae Weed at
 m.weed@grandfatherhome.org

April 18*

East Tennessee Presbytery
 Rivermont Presbyterian Church
 3319 Hixson Pike, Chattanooga, TN
 10:00 a.m.–Noon
 Contact Crystal Fallesen at
 crystalfrpc@gmail.com

April 18*

Newton Presbytery
 First Presbyterian Church
 35 Church St., Rockaway, NJ
 9:30 a.m.–Noon
 Contact Sue Trigger at
 sue@fpcrockaway.org

April 20*

Princeton Theological
 Seminary Library
 25 Library Ln., Princeton, NJ
 2:00 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
 Contact Sarita Ravinder at
 sarita.ravinder@ptsem.edu

April 20–22**

**East Association of Presbyterian
 Church Educators (EAPCE)**
 Rhodes Grove Conference Center
 7693 Browns Mill Rd.
 Chambersburg, PA
 Contact Beth Williams at
 elisabeth.williams81@gmail.com

April 25**

**Detroit Presbytery Christian
 Education Retreat**
 Northbrook Presbyterian Church
 22055 W. Fourteen Mile Rd.
 Beverly Hills, MI
 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
 Contact Laura Price at
 laura@universitypres.org

April 25*

Pittsburgh Presbytery Center
 901 Allegheny Ave., Pittsburgh, PA
 9:00 a.m.–Noon
 Contact Beverly James at
 bjames@pghpresbytery.org

April 26*

Washington Presbytery
 Faith United Presbyterian Church
 900 E. Beau St., Washington, PA
 2:30 p.m.–5:00 p.m.
 Contact Linda Webster at
 lwebster@faithupchurch.org

May 2*

Central Florida Presbytery
 Wekiva Presbyterian Church
 211 Wekiva Springs Ln.
 Longwood, FL
 9:30 a.m.–Noon
 Contact Cheryl Carson at
 ccarson@cfpresbytery.org

May 2*

Chicago Presbytery
 Vida Nueva Presbyterian Church
 2516 N. Kostner Ave.
 Chicago, IL
 4:00 p.m.–6:00 p.m.
Workshop in Spanish
 Contact Marissa Galvan-Valle at
 marissa.galvan-valle@pcusa.org

May 3*

Tampa Bay Presbytery
 Gulfport Presbyterian Church
 5313 27th Ave S, Gulfport, FL
 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
 Contact Barbara Ellis at
 bmr5294@hotmail.com

May 14**

Grace Presbytery Educators Meeting
 Presbyterian Mission Center
 6100 Coldwell Blvd., Suite 100
 Irving, TX
 10:00 a.m.–Noon
 Contact Leah Wyckoff at
 leah@gracepresbytery.org

May 16*

Grace Presbytery
 First Presbyterian Church
 230 W. Rusk St., Tyler, TX
 10:00 a.m.–Noon
 Contact Phyllia Kidwell at
 kidwellphillis@gmail.com

* **Growing in Grace & Gratitude
 curriculum workshop**

** **Growing in Grace & Gratitude
 curriculum workshop as part of
 another event, registration required**

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Resource News

Growing in Grace & Gratitude Sampler

You are invited to sample the new PC(USA) denominational children's curriculum, *Growing in Grace & Gratitude*, set to launch this fall. Free samplers include accompanying color resources, a story, and a page for children to use at home with their families. Each sampler includes one session for each age group: Multiage (Ages 5-10), Ages 3-5, Ages 5-7, and Ages 8-10. Order one per church.

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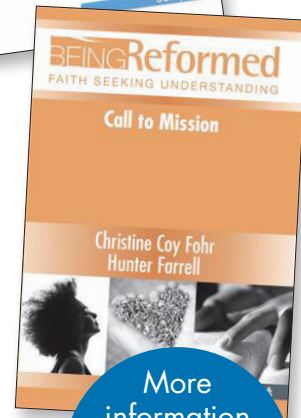
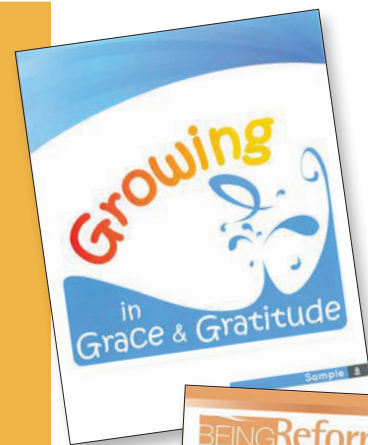
Being Reformed: Call to Mission

Call to Mission will challenge your congregation to explore its call to mission from both global and local perspectives. You will journey with Presbyterian World Mission as you discern God's call to mission in the life of your community; discover how Presbyterians around the world are responding to three critical global initiatives: poverty alleviation, evangelism, and reconciliation; and identify how your community can join in the efforts. Forward by Hunter Farrell, director, Presbyterian World Mission.

Participant's Book • \$4.95 • 912026

Leader's Guide • \$8.95 • 912025

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