

# Province I Christian Formation Network Mission



Faith formation is the lifelong, life-wide and life deep process of growing in our relationship with God, self, others and all creation.

**The Christian Formation Network at Province I seeks to collaborate, curate and catalyze relationships and resources to nurture and expand opportunities for faith development across the lifespan.**

All people with an interest in formation are encouraged to join, including those working with children, youth, young adults, campus ministries, and adults of all ages.

# In 2025, the Province I Christian Formation Network...



- Hosted annual *Formation Conference* at BCH in January, connected with the *FORMA conference* for the first time
- Shared *monthly webinars* on a variety of formation topics
- Hosted first-ever leadership conference to map plans for future development
- Launched the first-ever P1 *Acolyte Festival* with three more P1 youth events coming before the end of the program year
- *Meets quarterly* to share resources and cross pollinate ideas, maintains shared formation hub to equip practitioners

# Province I Christian Formation Retreat & FORMA Conference, 2025

In 2025, P1 combined our annual formation conference with an on-site hosting responsibility for the FORMA Conference



# Leadership Conference Outcomes



- Understood one another's contexts, titles & roles
- Outlined long, medium and short term goals for the network
- Developed formation resource hub
- Coordinated how the new BCH-based shared ministry youth events will function
- **There is now a formation point-person in every P1 diocese, and we know each other by name**



# Province I Acolyte Festival

- Acolytes from 5th-12th grades hosted at Christ Church Needham
- Youth solved liturgical puzzles, practiced vital skills (torch bearing, cincture tying), & even tried out a thurible!
- Formation, Fun, & Friendship!



# Save the Dates for upcoming Provincial Youth Events

**Winter Youth Event** at Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center, February 13-15

**Confirmation Exploration Weekend** at Barbara C. Harris Camp & Conference Center, March 13-15

**Climate Justice Youth Event** at Acadia National Park, June 29-July 2





# Welcoming Library Grant Updates

Province I awarded \$5,000 to purchase two traveling libraries in NH and ME, respectively in 2023

To date, we estimate that 600 people have interacted with these books to support formation conversations about belonging and welcome



# Thank you, Conversations with Noted Speakers series!

- Province I thanks Linnae Peterson for three years of dedicated ministry, bringing monthly webinars on a variety of topics to practitioners across P1 and beyond
- Recordings of those calls continue to be listed on the Province I YouTube page for use in your context

