



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

September 15, 2022 7-8:30 pm Eastern on Zoom
Jennifer Rome
We Worship Young: Weaving together all generations in ministry, presence and creativity, connecting with God, the world, and each other.

Conversations with Noted Speakers
Dec. 21, 2023 7pm Eastern on Zoom
Veronica Sydlowski
How to Welcome and Embrace Neurodiversity
A registered and licensed occupational therapist (OT) in New Jersey. Veronica has been a full-time school-based OT for 10 years. She started an afterschool club where both regular and special education students come together to work on projects that promote positive leisure and social skills. She works part time for her church, Bridgewater UMC, as the Sunday School and VBS Coordinator.

Conversations with Noted Speakers Series
resurrecting sunday school
The Rev. Grace Prichard Burson
Oct. 17 7-8:30pm Eastern
The Rev. Grace Prichard Burson is the Incumbent of the Anglican Church of the Holy Saints by the Lake, Dorval, near Montreal, Canada. She is a certified birth doula and has written a musical, *Paulous Gard*. Her writing has been published by *For Movement, Earth & Altar*, *Young Clergy Women International*, and in various periodicals.

Conversations with Noted Speakers
Welcoming
Trans and Gender Non-conforming folks in our Churches
April 18, 2024 7pm Eastern on Zoom
The Rev. Kit Wang
The Rev. Kit Wang is an Episcopal priest serving the Diocese of New Hampshire. Kit identifies as a queer, trans, Christian child of God. Kit moved to New England for college, and has remained ever since. Her passions are to lead meaningful liturgies that integrate systemic and intersectional justice, and to support the many who are vulnerable. Her interests are to lead the church in a healthy relationship with the world, and to support the many who are vulnerable. Her interests are to lead the church in a healthy relationship with the world, and to support the many who are vulnerable.

Conversations with Noted Speakers
Gertrud Mueller Nelson
What's St. Nicholas doing in our Advent? And how do we restore him the dignity and worth he deserves?
December 15 7pm Eastern on Zoom

