

2009 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH COMMITTEE

The Christian Education and Youth Committee consists of anyone in the New Jersey Association interested in Christian Ed and Youth! Steered by Betsy Richardson, Julie Yarborough and myself, we do our best to keep abreast of these topics as they are lived out in our churches, Association, Conference and Denomination. Betsy or I represent this committee at NJA Council meetings.

In early February, we offered a workshop on “Teaching Theology to Laypersons” at Union Congregational Church UCC in Montclair which was very well attended.

We hosted occasional lunch gatherings, including the most recent gathering at Stanley Congregational Church UCC on Saturday, April 18th 2009, to which all Association CE & Youth people were invited to attend. Out of this meeting came plans to pursue the possibility of an NJ Association-wide Youth Retreat in January 2009.

On Yom Kippur 2008, we sponsored a Children’s Workshop on “Shalom” at Union Cong that was attended by children from 7 churches! Workshop planners/leaders included Betsy Richardson (Union Cong.), Rev. Julie Yarborough (Christ Church ABC/UCC Summit), Rev. Joy Mounts (First Congregational UCC Westfield) and me (Brookside Community Church).

Please be sure to let us know if your CE or Youth Leaders are not receiving our email invitations to our meetings. And ask us about the Middle Atlantic Association of United Church Educators Retreat!

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Ellen Witko