

Christian Education & Youth Report-June 2018-May 2019

We started out the year with a fall luncheon in October getting to know some of the new educators in the NJ Association. We discussed Camp Bernie, inclusion in our churches, and resources for advent and the year ahead.

In February we held our annual Camp Bernie Retreat for our Junior and Senior High Youth. The theme was “Stay Anchored: A Stable Faith In Life’s Storms”. We had 48 youth and 15 adult chaperones, representing 5 churches in the NJ Association. Thank you to all who helped plan and hold this incredible retreat!

The Mid Atlantic-Association of United Church Educators Retreat was April 1st-3rd at Tuscarora Inn in Mt. Bethel, PA. The theme was “Cutting Edge Faith Formation: Meeting the Needs of ALL God’s People” with the Keynote Presenter being Dr. Jennifer Harvey, author of Dear White Christians & Raising White Kids. The retreat was very informative, educational, and refreshing for all involved. This retreat is held each year and is open to any educator.

Finally, the NJA educators are gathering for a brown bag lunch Thursday, May 16th from 11:30-1:30 pm at The Community Church of Mountain Lakes (48 Briarcliff Rd Mtn. Lakes, NJ 07046) We will discuss summer youth events at our churches as well as reflect and share our take aways from the retreat. All are invited to join us.