

## Education News from NW Association Partners in Education: Jill Christopherson & Nita Fitzgerald

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- ◆ **Did you know that our NW Association has two Partners in Education who are willing to consult regarding curriculum, training, mission statements, etc regarding education programs in your church?**
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  - \* Nita Fitzgerald, 1<sup>st</sup> Congregational UCC, Menomonie can be reached at [nitaucc@yahoo.com](mailto:nitaucc@yahoo.com) or 715.2355858.
  
- ◆ **Did you know that every year our WI Conference has a Spring Training event for those involved in Christian education?** This year's Spring Training is over, but next spring it will be in Eau Claire on April 17 (2010). Mark your calendars! The topic will be "Arts as Faith Formation" featuring Jan Cather Weaver from United Theological Seminary. Workshops: music, movement, drama, storytelling, Psalms, visual arts.
  
- ◆ **Did you know that our WI Conference offers wonderful Lay Academy programs that are affordable and *priceless* in what they offer experientially and educationally to those who attend?** Contact Gail O'Neal at [goneal@wcucc.org](mailto:goneal@wcucc.org) or the WI Conference website for more info on Lay Academy. Fall 2009 will bring a Lay Academy focused on Youth Ministry.
  
- ◆ **Did you know that our Great Lakes Area of United Church Educators (GLAUCE) offers a great fall conference annually for pastors, educators, and lay people who are able and ready to learn more and tend their own spirits for ongoing ministry?** See the next page for info on this Fall's event

Please pass along this flyer to someone in your church who would appreciate knowing more about the Christian Education support and resources that are here for them. Thank you!

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## ANNOUNCING...

### GREAT LAKES ASSOCIATION OF UNITED CHURCH EDUCATORS Fall Event: October 20-22, 2009

Potawatomi Inn, Pokagon State Park;  
Angola Indiana



## Called But Not Consumed: Practicing Our Faith

**Keynote Speaker: Dorothy Bass**

ABOUT OUR KEYNOTE: Dorothy Bass, a theologian and educator, believes that mindful participation in Christian practices can shape ways of life that help us to resist cultural pressures and grow in love of God and neighbor. Her presentations will explore faith practices and how they open leaders, educators, parents, youngsters, and others to shared and life-giving patterns of life with God and one another.

SUGGESTED RESOURCES: Practicing Our Faith and Way to Live edited by Dorothy Bass

Plenary Topics- Practicing our Faith: A Way of Life for a Searching (and stressed) People; Burning But Not Consumed: Sabbath Keeping and Other Practices for Our Time.

### THE WORKSHOPS

Faith Practices - Patrice Rosner; Family Faith Practices - Deborah Payden  
Honoring Your Body - Sinclair Gallagher; Nurturing the Spiritual Life of Teenagers through Faith Practices - Kelly Burd; Saying Yes, Saying No - Allan Martling; Way to Live: Christian Practices for Teens - Dorothy Bass

Imagine a gathering of people who understand the joys and frustrations of teaching and learning, of organizing and making the most of chaos, and of searching for better ways to nurture faith in ourselves and those we lead. You will find all this and more at GLAUCE.

Funding is available through the association to assist those going to this conference. We are considering renting a large van or chartering a bus for this trip, so please let us know if you are interested. A GLAUCE brochure with details and cost info can be mailed to you by contacting Gail O'Neal, Jill Christopherson, or Nita Fitzgerald (contact info on reverse of this flyer).