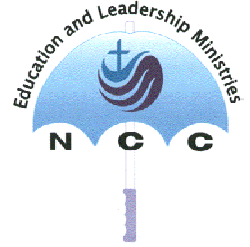


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“The relationship that seems so obvious to some is often deeply buried, masked, or ignored so that theologians and educators act as if the relationship were not even there. What a pity! We lose interesting topics of conversation; but even worse, theology remains little affected by educational practice, and educational practice is little affected by theological reflection.”
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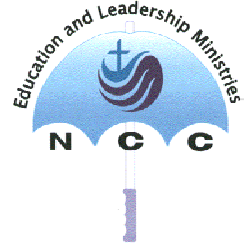
The partnership among congregations, theological educators, and church publishers in spiritual formation is crucial, but sometimes not as strong or direct as it might be. Many dynamic congregations modify existing curriculum or produce and use curriculum they develop on their own. Publishers and theological educators have much to learn from local faith communities who meet their educational needs in this way. What can the academy and the publishing worlds offer these congregations to enhance and strengthen their Christian education programs? What can congregations offer publishers and the academy to enhance their methods and products?

The annual Consultation on Curriculum Research and Theory engages scholars, publishers, editors, and practitioners in curriculum development for faith formation. This year, we will hear from a variety of local congregations in the Nashville area about how they address the educational needs of their churches through a range of approaches that incorporate such things as culturally specific programs, site-specific resources, and innovative approaches to curriculum. Each presenting congregation will represent a distinct expression of church life in either its size, cultural orientation, or unique aspect of its ministry. The presenters will be invited to describe the content of their educational approach as well as their successes, learnings, and needs that might be addressed by publishers and educators. The conference offers ample time for reflection and discussion among presenters and participants.

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Thursday, April 21

7:00 pm Welcome and Worship
Introductions: What brings you to this table?
Agenda interpretation

9:00 pm Reception

Friday, April 22

9:00 am Morning prayers
First presentation
 a. Small group reflections
 b. Large group reflections

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Second presentation:
 a. Small group reflections
 b. Large group reflections
Integrating first and second presentations
Spiritual discernment

5:00 pm Evening for personal re-creation

Saturday, April 23

9:00 am Morning prayers
Third presentation
 a. Small group reflections
 b. Large group reflections

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 pm Integration of all three presentations
What are the implications for publishers, theological
educators, congregations?

4:00 pm Looking toward the 2006 consultation

5:00 pm Spiritual discernment

5:30 pm Dinner

Sunday, April 24

9:00 am Worship in local congregations