

# The Educator

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## What is The Educator?

The Educator is a semi-yearly publication from the Detroit Annual Conference Board of Christian Education. The intent is to create a way where people can be connected to what is happening in the exciting life of Christian Education in the DAC.

This newsletter is published for

you - the person who works in the local church with people from all ages and all walks of life. It is our hope that you will find helpful articles and resources so that your ministry area will always have fresh ideas and opportunities for your continued training and networking.

If you have ideas or suggestions for the next Educator publication, please email our editor, Kathy Pittenger at [kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org](mailto:kpittenger@waterfordcumc.org).

You can also find additional helpful information at our website: [www.umcmice.org](http://www.umcmice.org)

### Vacation Bible School



Cokesbury's 2008 VBS program is: Beach Party - Surfin' Through the Scriptures

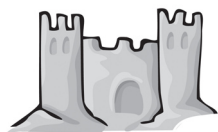
The program focuses on "Beach Be-Attitudes" and

uses different Bible stories for each day. *At Beach Party VBS, your children will surf through Scripture and: Experience God's Love; Come to know Jesus as their friend and Savior; and Share the love of Jesus with others.*

Beach Party VBS includes Storytelling, Crafts, Science, Music, Recreation, and Snacks and is adaptable for different sized churches.

You can get more information about Beach Party VBS including free helps, music & video clips, and message board at [www.cokesburyvbs.com](http://www.cokesburyvbs.com).

You can also get more information and possibly help for your church from the DAC CERT team. Check out the CERT page at [www.umcmice.org](http://www.umcmice.org) for contact information.



### Need Money?

Do you or your church need funding for a new ministry that you want to start? The Board of Christian Education would like to help you out. Go to our website at [www.umcmice.org](http://www.umcmice.org) and download a grant form. Fill out the form and mail or fax to the address on the back of the form. The Board feels blessed to be able to help so many churches, people, and agencies do ministry in God's name.

### Have you Received a Grant?

Have you received a grant from the Board of Christian Education in the last year? If so, please go to our website at [www.umcmice.org](http://www.umcmice.org) and fill out an evaluation form. This information will help us as we consider grants in the future. If you are able, we would appreciate pictures of what you were able to accomplish with your grant money also. Pictures are a great way to show others your new or improved ministry. Your pictures will give us a chance to share your joys and accomplishments with others! You never know, you may inspire someone else to think outside the box and try something new!

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## Leadership Renewal Retreat

For Leaders of children, youth, and adults in Christian Education

Lake Huron Retreat Center

August 22-23, 2008

### Retreat Highlights

- ~ Workshops designed specifically for Christian educators.
- ~ Cokesbury Book Store
- ~ Prayer Centers
- ~ Worship and Commissioning
- ~ Prayer Labyrinth
- ~ Relaxing fun and fellowship
- ~ Beautiful Setting
- ~ Yummy Food!

Registration: \$90.00  
Less DACBoCE contribution -\$50.00  
Your Cost: \$40.00  
Includes 4 meals, lodging & workshop materials  
Registration Deadline: June 15<sup>th</sup> to receive the \$50.00 BoCE contribution

Registration form and more information are available at [www.umcmice.org](http://www.umcmice.org).

### Schedule Overview

#### Friday:

4:30pm - Check-in/Registration  
Dinner  
Fun  
Worship

#### Saturday:

Breakfast  
Workshops  
Break  
Lunch  
Workshops  
Fun  
Worship  
Dinner  
approx. 6:30pm - Departure

"Create in me a Pure Heart, O God and renew a steadfast spirit within me"

Psalm 51:10

The C.E.R.T. Team presents...

### A C.E.R.T. Event for the Upper Peninsula

The event will be held in the Marquette District at the Negaunee Mitchell United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2008 from 10:00 am - 3:00 pm. Workshops include: 'Shepherding our Children', 'Running the Race with Youth', 'Strengthening Adult Studies', 'Human Sexuality', 'Sunday School: It's for Life' and 'Rotation Sunday School'. For more information please contact Jackie Euper at [tjeuper@tm.net](mailto:tjeuper@tm.net) or 517-625-2920.

For more information about what is happening around the Conference and in each District check out our website:  
[www.umcmice.org](http://www.umcmice.org)!

## Upcoming Events and Conferences

National Christian Educators Fellowship  
Blessed to be a Blessing: Christian Education for the 7th Generation  
Hyatt Regency Hotel, Albuquerque, NM  
October 24-27, 2008  
[www.cef2008.org](http://www.cef2008.org)



Both the Christian Educators Fellowship and Preaching from the Center are coming together for one conference. Participants can choose workshops from either conference. This is a great opportunity for Pastors and CE Directors to join together in worship and learning.