

Christian Formation and Youth Ministry Resources

(note – by no means exhaustive. Suggestions, comments, additions are always welcomed)

- **Diocese of Virginia Youth Leader's Blog:** www.diovayouth.wordpress.com
 - Up to date information about upcoming events. Online discussions surrounding relevant topics. You can sign up to get the posts sent directly to your email!
- **EpiscoYouth Blog:** <http://www.episcopoyouth.blogspot.com/>
 - Hosted by the National Church and written by Bronwyn Skov, the Officer for Youth Ministries in the Episcopal Church. Interesting tidbits of information, thoughtful comments, and notices of upcoming events/activities for your church.
- **Forma:** www.episcoforma.org
 - Forma is an association and community of Christian Educators, formation professionals, and their institutional partners that celebrates and upholds the ministries of Christian formation across the Episcopal Church. An excellent starting point for anyone beginning in this field, and membership includes access to the forma listserve, which in and of itself is an excellent resource.
- **Building Faith:** www.buildfaith.org
 - Building faith is a blog that is dedicated to providing support, inspiration and resources to those involved in lifelong Christian formation. It is managed and curated by the Center for the Ministry of Teaching at Virginia Theological Seminary – which is another fantastic resource for those involved in lifelong Christian Formation.
- **Center for the Ministry of Teaching:** www.vts.edu/cmt
 - The Center for the Ministry of Teaching is a faith formation resource center at Virginia Theological Seminary. They have a number of fantastic resources (a blog, a podcast, curriculum evaluations, etc.) and a fantastic staff who is always available to help provide inspiration and support!
- **The Thoughtful Christian** - <http://www.thethoughtfulchristian.com/>
 - An online marketplace including books and downloadable resources that are perfect for Sunday school classes, Bible study groups, or individual reflection. Some free (and cool) stuff!
- **ExploreFaith:** <http://www.explorefaith.org/>
 - An interesting and helpful website to jump start (or revive) folks on their spiritual journey. Filled with reflections, advice, and resources for anyone – not just Educators.
- **Lesson Plans for Small Churches** - http://www.episcopalchurch.org/109452_ENG_HTM.htm - this is a good place to start for churches who are interested in learning more and coming up with free curriculum ideas and resources
- **Faith Formation Learning Exchange** can provide you with the most recent information, research, resources and support in faith formation for all ages and generations.
<http://www.faithformationlearningexchange.net/index.html> - this is a ministry of the Vibrant Faith Ministries program, whose mission is to “equip congregations, households and individuals to live a vibrant faith in Jesus Christ and share the Christian faith among all generations.” – You can check out the vibrant Faith Ministries web site here: <http://www.vibrantfaith.org/index.html>