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CERT SCHOOL

for Progressive Christian Faith Formation & Youth Ministry

Southern Cert School:

January 19-24 & April 25-27, 2014

*Location for both class and April retreat
is near St. Petersburg, FL*

Northern Cert School:

May 18-23 & November 7-9, 2014

*Location of May classes is in Alexandria, MN
(November retreat near the Twin Cities area)*



“*A life-changing week that is going to help
me do my ministry in better ways!”*

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Cert School Lead Faculty



Jim LaDoux, Author of *Surface to Soul: Coaching Spiritual Vitality in Congregations* (2012), supports the creation, planning and promotion of Vibrant Faith Ministries' coaching and training services. Jim has a Master of Management Arts degree from Metropolitan State University

with a special emphasis in organizational development and strategic planning. For more than 20 years, Jim has served numerous congregations by helping them establish gifts-based ministry programs, small group ministries, youth ministry programs, community outreach programs and strategic initiatives.

Other Cert School Staff

Wade Zick (Southern & Northern), Associate Conference Minister of Faith Formation for Children and Youth for the Minnesota Conference United Church of Christ.

Jeanne Haemmelmann (Southern), Gulf Coast Regional Youth Minister for the Florida Conference United Church of Christ and Youth Director at Pass-A-Grille Beach Community Church, UCC.

Gigi Nauer & Rev. Robin Raudabaugh (Northern), Co-site and Program Managers for Pilgrim Point Camp in Alexandria, MN.

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**Participation in the Cert School Cost:
\$2000 early registration**

The course includes 50+ hours of instruction, textbooks, six webinars, individual coaching, ministry plan projects assessment, lodging and meals. Scholarships available

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is the Cert School geared towards?

Clergy who work with children, youth and families, full and part-time church staff, faith formation and youth ministry volunteers, and seminary students who are wanting greater skills in ministering with children, youth and families.

What is involved in Cert School?

Six days of initial instruction in the field of faith formation and youth ministry, six webinars for practical ministry application, a closing retreat to present ministry plans each student develops, and individualized and team coaching for your church staff.

Is there a proven track-record of success?

Over 1000 faith formation and youth ministry workers have already been trained through a similar certification school directed by Vibrant Faith Ministries (VFM) and Wartburg Theological Seminary. We have adapted the course, which was mainly geared to Lutherans, using VFM staff but changing some of the teaching content, worship experiences and theological reflections that offer a progressive Christian faith perspective and has a much more UCC feel.