

A Teaching and Learning Inventory for Your Congregation

With your education, nurture, or discipleship ministry team, use this inventory to evaluate how effective your congregation is in helping children, youth, and adults know and experience God through Jesus Christ.

Guideline	Where This is Happening Now	What We Could Do to Improve
Scripture <i>Persons are transformed when teaching of Scripture:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Helps them apply Bible learning to their real-life situation• Leads to change in relationships as well as in behavior• Touches their emotions as well as their intellect		
Tradition <i>Faith is enriched when persons have opportunities to appropriate Christian tradition through:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Studying the history of The United Methodist Church• Hearing their local congregation's history & traditions that enrich its life• Singing great hymns of the church• Exploring rituals & symbols of our faith		
Experience <i>Children, youth, & adults need opportunities:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• To ask and be asked, "How is it with your soul?"• To relate to others in loving, forgiving, caring in the congregation• To worship in a variety of settings & styles• To serve with their families & peers in meeting needs in the community		
Reason <i>Children, youth, & adults grow in faith when:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• They experience a "thinking climate" in worship and in learning groups• They are encouraged to question, compare, & search the Scriptures• They are open to answered prayer• They engage other faith groups in dialog & learn to accept others also seeking God		