

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION OBJECTIVE**

### **THE OBJECTIVE OF THE CHURCH EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY IS**

- What do we want to see happen in the educational program?
- What is our ultimate goal?
- How will we know that we have achieved the goal?

### **THAT ALL PERSONS**

- Is inclusive of all persons (children, youth, young adults, adults)
- Has no barriers.

### **BE AWARE OF GOD**

- How can persons through Christian education experience the reality of God in personal terms?
- How can Christian education enable persons to know and experience God at the core of their lives?

### **THROUGH GOD'S SELF-DISCLOSURE**

- How is God revealed in the lives of individuals of faith?
- How does Christian education help persons understand the revelation of God? (Through Scripture, history, world...)

### **ESPECIALLY GOD'S REDEEMING LOVE AS REVEALED IN JESUS CHRIST**

- How can Christian education assist persons to understand their faith formation?
- The church's faith is centered upon Jesus Christ who is the supreme revelation of God's love for the world.

### **AND, ENABLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT,**

- How can persons understand God's continuing activity in their lives and give response? The initiative and the empowerment is from God?

### **RESPOND IN FAITH AND LOVE**

- How can persons respond to God's redeeming love?
- How is faith owned? Shared?

## **THAT THEY MAY BECOME NEW PERSONS IN CHRIST**

- Transforming lives is a basic concern of the church's teaching ministry.
- How can Christian education assist persons in living transformed lives?

## **KNOW WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEIR HUMAN SITUATION MEANS**

- Christian education addresses life issues and concerns (such as: the nature; the purpose, the meaning, and the destiny of life.

## **GROW AS CHILDREN OF GOD**

- Christian education helps persons grow in their relationship to God and others.
- How can opportunities be provided for spiritual growth and maturity?

## **ROOTED IN THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

- The community of faith should provide the nurturing atmosphere where Christians can grow.
- Through the community the Christian discerns the meaning of the servant role and find his/her role in ministry.

## **LIVE IN OBEDIENCE TO THE WILL OF GOD IN EVERY RELATIONSHIP**

The sign of the new life in Christ is signaled by our obedience to god's will in every aspect of our lives.

## **FULFILL THEIR COMMON VOCATION IN THE WORLD**

- Christians are called to a common vocation which is the ministry of reconciliation of the world
- The ministry of Christian education addresses the issues of brokenness, oppression, injustice, hostility, alienation, etc.

## **AND ABIDE IN THE CHRISTIAN HOPE**

## ***A Closer Look at Christian Education***

### **Lesson Agenda:**

**Text:** *"Teach me, O LORD, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end."*  
*Psalms 119:33*

### **Focus of the Session:**

*In this session, we would like to communicate and reeducate African-American Christians to broaden faith history and spiritual traditions through interactive learning strategies and approaches for teaching Christian Education.*

### **Lesson Objectives:**

**Objectives:** *As a result of their participation in this session, we would like to help the students be able to....*

- 1. Identify characteristics of an effective Christian Education program.*
- 2. Compare and contrast a Euro-centric and Afro-centric Christian Education program.*
- 3. Work collaboratively in teams to demonstrate an instructional strategy for Teaching Christian Education.*

#### **Invite**

- Work in Collaborative Teams
- Perform a Galley Walk
- Reflection on Activity

#### **Inform**

- Take Notes using a Graphic Organizer
- Participate in Class Discussion

#### **Investigate**

- Work in Collaborative Teams
- Complete Investigation Task applying and integrating information from class lecture
- Develop a final product to present to class

#### **Illustrate**

- Teach the Class (Investigation Task Demonstration)
- Provide peers feedback

#### **Inspire**

- Access and take Socrative online formative assessment
- Provide teachers feedback

## Statistics on African American Worship

- African Americans are more likely than whites to report that they have prayed to God during the past days. 93% of African Americans reported praying compared to 80% of white adults nationwide (2001)
- African American are significantly more likely than are whites to have read from their Bible in the past 7 days (52% to 35%, respectively) (2001)
- 43% of African Americans attend church on a given Sunday, which is similar to the rate of church attendance among whites (42%) (2001).
- African Americans are approximately twice as likely as are whites to report that they are "searching for meaning and purpose in life" (58% to 28%, respectively) (2001)
- African American are more likely than average to say that they are "born again Christians", a belief held by 57% of African Americans compared to 39% of adults nationwide (2001).
- 21% of the African American population is unchurched, compared to 32% of whites (1998).
- Compared to 66% of Whites, 83% of blacks say their religious faith is very important in their lives (2001).
- 46% of African Americans feel that they have a responsibility to tell other people about their religious beliefs; 33% of whites feel the same way (2001)

Note:

McKinney, Lora-Allen, *Christian Education in the African American Church* (Valley Forge: Judson press, 2003). p 10.