About Me...

Tracey Herzer is a creative, energetic professional Christian Educator with 17+ years of experience, specializing in authentic spiritual formation for all ages at local, regional and national levels.

Areas of expertise include prayer methods, children in church, youth ministry formation, self care and professional development for church employees.

Tracey has authored many articles and programs, including WorkshopCycles a rotation Sunday School curriculum for children and Godparenting: Nurturing the Next Generation, a book for parents and godparents published by Morehouse in 2007.



Tracey offers personalized consulting, retreat design & facilitation, keynote addresses, training seminars and other specialized events drawing on her extensive experience in Christian Formation, as well as her own faith journey.

Tracey E. Herzer Christian Formation Consultant



I'm not a Guru... I'm Glinda!

As a consultant, my job isn't to come in as "the expert" and tell you how to do something...

My job is to come share stories, experiences, practical tips and ideas to help you recognize and utilize the potential you've always had!

TOPICS

Congregational Life

- ♦ Builders, Boomers and Busters how different generations view church & what they each need
- ◆ Conflict Resolution—Disagree without Destroying
- ◆ Finding Grace in Transition—helping churches deal with change, loss & new opportunities.
- ◆ Sabbath Time—celebrating the difference of Kairos (God's Time) vs. Chronos (Our Time)
- Radical Hospitality—what does it mean to be a welcoming church? How can we learn it?
- Women's Prayers—A special weekend retreat for women to uplift, challenge and relax
- What is the Emergent Church movement and what can we learn from it?
- Learning to Lead— designed for church leadership teams; what's your leadership style? How can we learn to lead together?
- ◆ A Church that Plays Together, Stays Together— Spiritual retreat designs for any size church
- ◆ We are the Body—what is the Body of Christ called to be? How do we implement this?

Children's Ministries

- ◆ Creating a Custom Fit—How to Evaluate & Choose Curricula; Adapt popular programs for very large or very small churches
- ♦ Children's Church: The Good, Bad & Ugly
- ◆ Children & Worship What to expect in church; What about Communion?; How to create child space without losing adults
- ◆ From stories to Story Using Children's books to tell God's Story
- ◆ Making Sunday School Irresistible A new way to experience Sundays: Rotation Model
- ◆ Rotation: It's not just for Children! Using multidimensional learning for adult events

Adult Education

- ◆ Sacred Space—Creating some Quiet in your life
- ◆ The Chicken & the Egg—How to coordinate adult ed with children/youth programs? Why?
- ◆ Different Strokes for Different Folks What's your learning style? How to modify programs for different groups, times, spaces, styles, etc.
- ♦ What to do after EfM? (or DOCC, Via Media, Cursillo, Alpha, etc.) Other Small Group options
- ♦ Parent to Parent—talking, sharing, understanding
- ◆ Touching the Divine—how to make and use prayer beads; the significance of tactile prayers

Custom designs and additional topics available

Youth Ministry

- Relational Ministry—Design and implement effective youth ministry in any size church
- ◆ This *IS* my real job! Professional Development skills for Youth Ministers
- ◆ Popcorn Theology how to use non-religious movies to talk about spiritual truths
- ◆ Godbearer vs. Guru what's your ministry style? What is important to you?
- ◆ A Teen for Every Season Ideas to use with your youth group throughout the year
- Pilgrimage what is a pilgrimage? How can it change your life? Why use it with teens?
- Contemplative Prayer Practices for Teens
- Needle in the Haystack—How to find a Youth Minister, what to look for and what to avoid
- Navigating Rough Waters: Adolescent Rites of Passage in the Church and outside
- ♦ My Space & Facebook & Google, Oh my! the dangers and benefits of online presence

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General Christian Education

- ♦ Faith at Home—methods for family worship
- ◆ Education vs. Formation: What do they mean? What's the difference? Why is it important?
- ◆ Part of the Whole; Part of the Holy—how everything the church does helps form Christians
- ◆ Traveling through the Church Year seasonal ideas and plans; how liturgy forms us
- ◆ Rites of Passage What are they, Why they are important, What role does the Church play?
- ♦ Recruit, Support, Nurture & Energize Volunteers
- ◆ HELP! Church Work can be Hazardous to your Spiritual Health (The Importance of Self Care)
- ◆ Professional Development for Christian Educators
- ◆ 101 Ways to Pray through journaling, song, breath prayers, prayer beads, walks, meditation
- ◆ True Godparenting for anyone who wants to be able to talk with a child about God