

## eChristianEd™

The eChristianEd is a web based, on line Christian education certification program sponsored by Columbia College and the United Methodist Church. For the year 2008, 24 students were enrolled in the courses. Of the 40 students, 12 were Columbia College students and 12 were persons working in churches. The students taking the courses are lay persons working in local churches either as a volunteer or paid staff. Clergy are also encouraged to take the 4 advanced courses to further their knowledge in Christian education and to help in the ministry of the local church.

The General Board of Higher Education and Ministry of the United Methodist Church has approved this program which is designed for anyone interested in biblical, theological and practical training in Christian education. By completing 5 out of 6 courses, students may receive certification as a Para-professional in Christian education. The courses include:

2 Foundational Courses:     Biblical and Theological Foundations for Ministry, and  
  Foundations for Christian Education.

4 Advanced Courses:        Children's Ministries  
  Youth Ministries  
  Adult Ministries  
  Family Ministries

At the 2008 Annual Conference, students received certificates for completing the above courses. Please spread the word about this great educational program! Your churches will benefit from the education your staff will receive. For more information go to the web site at [www.eChristianEd.com](http://www.eChristianEd.com)

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