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Our
Mission

The purpose of the **AR-CCCM**
is to **connect** and **equip**
children's ministry leaders serving in the
Arkansas Conference
of the
United Methodist Church.

Through **connecting** and **equipping**,
we are creating vital congregations
that make disciples of Jesus Christ
who make disciples
equipped to transform lives,
communities and the world.

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Purpose: to **EQUIP**

- ◆ Do you ever feel like the “Lone Ranger”?
- ◆ Does it seem like you are the only children’s leader in the world who has no budget, no volunteers and no where to turn for help

One of the two main purposes of the AR-CCCM is to **CONNECT** leaders throughout the state with one another for support, sharing of ideas , resources, and community.

The Council sponsors an annual state-wide training event connecting children’s leaders from throughout Arkansas with noted experts and authors in the field. Also, the members of the AR-CCCM are well versed in specific ministry areas matching their passions, gifts and graces (such as special needs ministry, children and worship, children and missions, ministry with tweens, family faith formation, curriculum, child development, safe sanctuaries etc.) and are able to help you and your congregation with ideas and resources.

Smaller groups meet together in your District at different locations giving you a chance to meet and share in Christian community the joys and concerns of ministry with the children in your life. Contact your District Coordinator for more information about these meetings.

The second main purpose of the AR-CCCM is to **EQUIP** people in local congregations who have been called to ministry with children.

“They needed somebody and I used to be a kid once so—here I am, Lord. Of course, I have no idea what I’m doing...”

Sound familiar? Many times, especially in smaller congregations, church volunteers serve out of default (there’s no one else to do the job) but have no particular specialized training in how to work with children. AR-CCCM is here to help! Each year, we sponsor a children’s ministry leadership conference at the end of January. This is an affordable, hands-on opportunity close to home to show leaders how to guide children and families in their faith formation. Additionally, we help children’s leaders connect with free national online training events which deal with topics pertinent to ministry with children.

AR-CCCM also is involved in working with our children to become leaders in their churches and communities. We award VBS mini-grants to churches and camping scholarships to individuals so they may experience God’s amazing grace in a variety of settings. We conduct hands-on Destination: Mission trips each year for 3rd-6th graders helping children live out their faith through service. We are currently involved with transitioning children to youth ministry with an annual day with the Bishop event for older elementary aged students.

Children’s ministry leaders are busy. It’s hard to keep abreast of all the latest family faith formation discussions, curriculum ideas, continuing education opportunities and Arkansas Conference programs for children. That’s why we offer four different online sites to act as a portal for all things Children’s Ministry. Sites are updated frequently.

Website:

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Purpose: to **CONNECT**