

The Rock Lake United Church Camp Society
United Church of Canada - Faith Formation Principles

The United Church of Canada has identified eight Faith Formation Principles to guide the Camp Board and Staff as they plan and deliver the Christian Education Program at camp.

They principles are further discussed in (*Section 17*) of this Operating Manual

The eight principles are:

- a. Personal Meaning: Discovering, naming, claiming and celebrating your God-given gifts and talents.
- b. Creativity: Developing a sense of wonder by setting aside time to create something new.
- c. Mercy & Justice: Finding meaning, in community, as you act justly, love others tenderly and walk humbly with God
- d. Tradition & Rituals: To explore traditions and rituals which have meaning in a camp setting.
- e. Environment & Care
of Creation: To deepen your awareness and respect for nature.
- f. Sabbath: To experience Sabbath as you step away from the hectic, chaotic way of life that is part of our society in order to connect with God, Self, Others & Nature.
- g. Questioning: To know that questions from everyday experience help us to explore the mystery of God.
- h. Leadership: To develop and enhance your own leadership skills as a child of God and as a disciple of Jesus who gives the clearest image of who God is.

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