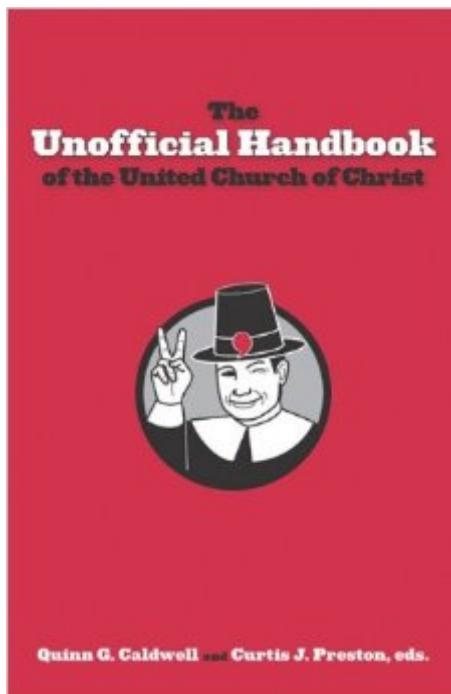


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# The Unofficial Handbook Of The United Church Of Christ



## **Synopsis**

The Unofficial Handbook of the United Church of Christ is a lighthearted, humorous look at the United Church of Christ (UCC) denomination. The co-authors two young UCC ministers who are lifelong UCCers have written this useful resource for all UCCers, but particularly for millennials: confirmation-aged youth and teens. Readers will learn about, appreciate, and be proud of their denomination while not taking themselves too seriously.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I loved this book! I learned many new things about the UCC that I wouldn't have thought to ask and best of all the information was often given in a funny, quirky way that wasn't "preachy" but down to earth and sometimes thought provoking. There's something for everybody - history, drama, illustrations, recipes, fun things to do to keep from sleeping during church, and much more.

Definitely NOT your average dry, old book about religion. Buy this one!

The United Church of Christ remains at the top of my list as I endeavor to choose a denomination. The UCC web site is very helpful, but EVERYONE wishing a better understanding of the church should buy this book! The Revs. Caldwell and Preston explain basic tenets of the UCC, but they don't stop there! They also explain how to get to know your pastor, what to bring to a church potluck (very handy!), how to work for peace and justice, and much, much more. While most of these topics are serious business, the authors explain them without theological jargon or a too-serious attitude. Highly recommended.

I am considering transitioning to the UCC as a long-time-ago Catholic. I have been attending their local church, but I learn best by reading. This book confirmed my attraction to the denomination as much less doctrinaire and much more tolerant than others in their perspectives. The authors intentionally take a light-hearted, tongue-in-cheek, definitely "unofficial" introduction to the denomination for older teen, young adults, and people like me. I am pursuing other ways of getting to know them, but this book was a fun, gentle way of getting into their books.

The authors approached the basic tenets of the United Church of Christ from a light hearted side. I was laughing throughout, knowing that they maynot take themselves very seriously, but take God with acute seriousness.

What a refreshing volume of information that presents an overview of the UCC coupled with a welcome sense of humor and compassion. This is a very enjoyable read for newcomers to the denominationand longtime members like me who like to be reminded of who we are with insight and humor. This book will find a prominent place on my bookshelf.

I am trying to put together a study group for my parishioners, some of whom are new to the church, some of whom are wondering what the church represents now, as opposed to what it was when they joined 50 years ago. I was hoping to use the chapters as ice-breakers for the drier material. I try to use humor to enlighten and enliven when I preach, and this book mostly hits the ball right down the fairway, neither veering to the right, into dry factuality, or the left, into inaccuracy. I find it both true and humorous as only lovers are about their beloved.

This is an outstanding resource. Filled with information with a light-hearted presentation, it's a fun to read way of learning about the UCC.I've used this for the last several years for my confirmation classes...and here is what almost always happens: After handing it out, I will usually touch on one or two sections that are relevant to our conversation. After class is over, while waiting for parents to arrive, I'll find many of the kids in circles giggling and then saying, turn to page xyz as they flip through it. By our next session, many have read the whole thing. Where else could I find a confirmation resource that the teens will voluntarily read on their own?

Funny and charming. Full of great info. A "must own" for UCC folks, but there is enough general info

to interest other readers as well.

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