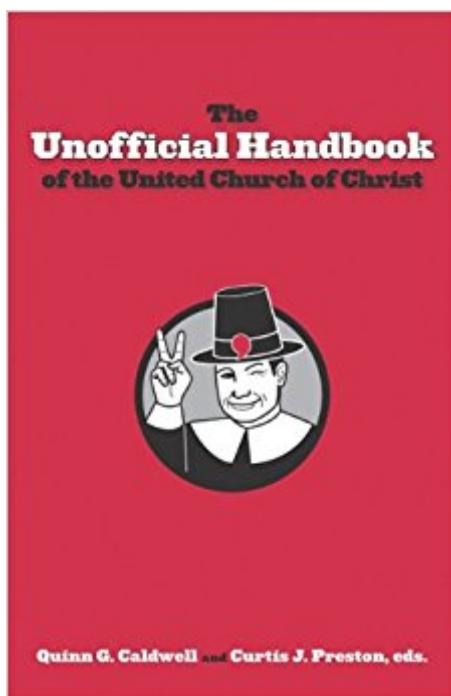


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# The Unofficial Handbook Of The United Church Of Christ



## **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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About half of this book is really for church newbies. It covers a lot of stuff if you have never been to church or haven't been in a while. Why we do things and what they mean. It is actually good info and covers beyond why UCC does stuff in those pages so this book still deserves a four. It is great for a Deacon or any other lay person as they will be able to answer some questions they will probably get without going to the pastor or another staff member.

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?

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.

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!

Quite goofy. Very little in it that is educational.

The authors approached the basic tenents of the Ubited Church of Christ from a light hearted side. I was laughing throughout, knowing that they maynot take themselves very seriously, but take Gid 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.

Whether you're new to church activity or not, this is a great read - from simple explanation of worship to a background on UCC history and its broad scope of thought.

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