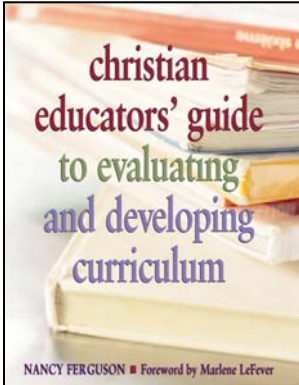


## New Resource Eases Frustration for Christian Educators



Valley Forge, PA — Establishing and maintaining a strong Christian education program is one of the top concerns of today's churches. Within the Christian education department, finding the right curriculum to meet the church's needs is a common source of frustration. In *Christian Educators' Guide to Evaluating and Developing Curriculum*, Nancy Ferguson equips churches to make educated decisions about their resource needs. She guides educators through the process of articulating the goal and purpose of their Christian education program, and then takes them through the process of evaluating purchased curriculum resources, writing curriculum resources, or a combination of the two.

In her foreword for the book, Marlene LeFever, vice president of Educational Development at David C. Cook writes, "Nancy Ferguson knows what goes into choosing or writing the right curriculum for different churches with unique needs. Her book guides leaders through both processes, choosing or writing, in a step-by-step way that feels easy and seamless."

Ferguson enables Christian education committees and leaders to:

- Identify the Six Key Elements of their Christian education program
- Use these elements to evaluate or adapt purchased curriculum resources
- Develop a scope and sequence for writing session plans that are in agreement with those elements
- Train teachers to use curriculum materials

This practical resource comes complete with reproducible worksheets, and is ideal for Christian education committees and teacher-training workshops. Ann Knox, director of the Instructional Resource Center, William Smith Morton Library, Union-PSCE Seminary, praised *Christian Educators' Guide to Evaluating and Developing Curriculum*, noting "Workshop designs, questionnaires, worksheets, and Nancy's own commentary work together to offer everything a seasoned educator or novice Christian education committee chairperson could need to help a congregation choose material that will be good for them."

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