These seven faith practices provide a helpful road map for disciples as they comprehend the basic moves or activities that comprise the life of discipleship. They are succinct and memorable enough to carry on a card in a wallet or a purse, yet comprehensive enough that volumes could be written to describe their full meaning. For more information on faith practices review the resources provided in the Call to Discipleship Congregation Planning Guide. A helpful, user-friendly description of each of the seven faith practices is found in “Faith Practices: assessing their place in your life,” pages B-39 through B-42 in the guide. The same resource can be found on the Web page for this guide: www.elca.org/eteam/2001CEProgramPlanner. This 2001-2002 Christian education program planner continues to issue a basic call to discipleship built on the foundation of these seven faith practices.

The theme Fanning the Flames of Discipleship provides an overarching umbrella under which you can organize your Christian education efforts for the year. Congregations typically use a variety of curricula and studies to meet the education needs of the different age groups and learning times in their setting. Themes can vary from Sunday school to confirmation to small groups and adult learning. An overarching theme like Fanning the Flames of Discipleship helps to hold all of these pieces together in a more unified way.