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United methodist acolyte training manual

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Many congregations use two candles at the altar to point out that Jesus was both a to be and God. At the end of the service, the light is brought into the world to show that Jesus Christ is to all people everywhere: The acolyte leaves the cult in the direction of the pastor, holding the lit candle lighter. This symbolizes the light of Jesus Christ going out into the world where believers should serve. From The Book of Acolyte by Hoyt Hickman: Since ancient times, light and fire have reminded people that God is here with us. When you bring the light (fire) to the place where people are gathering to worship, and when you light the candles, you are reminding people that God is with us at home, at school, and at work, as well as in worship; Burning candles also remind us that Jesus Christ is the Light of the world. Many people like to think of the two candles on or next to the Lord's table as reminders that Christ is human and divine. For another view, check out this video from Liturgy Man. Do you have any questions? Ask umc or talk to a pastor near you. And check out other recent Q&A. This content was produced by Ask The UMC, a ministry of United Methodist Communications. I have Acolyte training sheets that I wrote from umc materials. Read below. The best I can do if there's anything better, please let me know where it is! maybe informative for all of you. Fincastle United Methodist Church ACOLYTE TRAINING Thank God for all who have decided to serve the Lord and in worship as an Acolyte in the Fincastle United Methodist Church. Your ministry is important because you will be helping everyone else in the church worship God. You are becoming part of a very long tradition that is over 1700 years old! Acolytes are more than just cute children who light and turn out candles on Sunday morning – You have a very important role as a leader of congregational worship. 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