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### Dallas Willard Resources

In preparation for the 2004 NAPCE conference in Orlando, NAPCE members are encouraged to visit Dallas Willard's website ([www.dwillard.org](http://www.dwillard.org)). A brief biography is posted there along with a bibliography of his works.

### Gangel Books Available

Many of our NAPCE members have used Kenn Gangel's books as class texts through the years. Many of his new books and even some formerly out of print are available at a new website [www.morninglightministries.com](http://www.morninglightministries.com).

## LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER 21-23, 2004

# Education for Renovation

*Come Join us in Orlando with Dallas Willard –  
NAPCE 2004 Conference*

Kevin E. Lawson,  
NAPCE Vice-President for the 2004 Conference

This year the NAPCE Board has put together a stimulating program at a great location. Dallas Willard will be our speaker as we explore issues of how to teach for spiritual "renovation" in the hearts of people in our churches, students in our classrooms, and ourselves in our educational institutions. The enclosed brochure gives you the details on the conference, our speaker, the hotel and schedule, and options for tickets to the area theme parks before and after the conference. Please read it thoroughly. You can also access conference information at the NAPCE website ([napce.org](http://napce.org)). Mark October 21-23 on your calendar and register early. *Note: the hotel requires extra-early registration to qualify for the low convention rate.*

I am looking forward to this year's gathering in Orlando for several reasons. This will be my 15<sup>th</sup> NAPCE conference, and I always find them enjoyable and beneficial. Some years it is the topic and keynote speakers, or special seminars, that make it rich. Other years I come away with encouragement and ideas from new and old friends. Quite often it is a combination of the two. This year looks like a great year for both:

- We have the opportunity to hear from and dialogue with Dallas Willard on ways to approach educational ministry in light of the Spirit's work to transform the human heart.
- Seminar topics this year include a focus on creativity, professional development, transformational teaching, and current research.

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- We also have time built into the schedule on Friday for networking and fellowship, with “Downtown Disney” literally just outside our front door.
- There is even a special “after conference” opportunity to spend time with each other interacting in the creative environments of the local theme parks.

Some of you may want to take advantage of the location to bring your spouse or family. They can enjoy some “conference rate” tickets to the theme parks and you can join them before or after the conference. We’re staying at the Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort, a nice facility in a great location with excellent room rates. This could be an ideal time for a “mini-vacation.”

As we prepare for the conference, I want to encourage many of you to consider presenting in our seminar sessions. We are looking for people who could develop presentations that would challenge us by addressing one of the following topics:

- Some important area of professional development as professors in the field of Christian education.
- “Creativity” related topics, especially in the areas of teaching creatively, teaching to foster creativity in our students, and creative ministry development.
- “Transformational teaching” related topics, with application in non-formal or formal educational settings, including our own teaching in Christian higher education contexts.
- Current research you have carried out on some issue relevant to the field of Christian education, or to our task of equipping people for educational ministry leadership.

## Why Orlando?

Eileen Starr  
NAPCE President

**W**hy is NAPCE meeting in Orlando right next to Disney World? This is a place of considerable commercialism and entertainment. We are a professional organization with serious issues to consider. I agree that we must be serious about our task as Christian educators. You will see that seriousness reflected in the 2004 NAPCE program. I do think there are benefits to meeting in Orlando.

In January I spent a day at Disney with my brother and his wife. We had a great time of fellowship, sharing and dialogue. I enjoyed many of the activities and gained some insights that will be helpful to me in my life and ministry. The quality and creativity evident in the park should be similarly reflected in all I do. Most of all I appreciated the time to renew relationships and share what God has been doing in our lives.

I want to encourage you to attend the 2004 NAPCE conference and plan to spend time before or after the conference with family, friends, or colleagues. One of the purposes of NAPCE is to encourage and stimulate each other. Orlando is a great place to take the time to do this. We will try to get you information on activities in the Orlando area and hopefully we can get group rate tickets for Disney. Take the time to NETWORK, NETWORK, NETWORK! ■

If you have an interest in presenting in one of these areas, or if you know someone you would like us to encourage to present, please contact me by email and I’ll put you in touch with the right person to talk with about it. (kevin.lawson@biola.edu)

Please pray with me for a fruitful conference. Consider inviting a colleague who has not been to NAPCE recently to join you there. I’m looking forward to seeing you all in Orlando, and benefiting from a great time together. ■

## Board Nominations Invited

As a member of NAPCE you can nominate people to the NAPCE board. Board member must have attended 2 NAPCE conferences. They will be selected in order to maintain a balance on the board in the ratio of college and grad school/seminary, regions of the countries, gender, and ethnicity. Please send your nominations to anyone on the nominating committee:

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Our organization is as good as the people we place in leadership. We need your input. ■

## Spiritual Formation Bibliography of NAPCE Members’ Works Collected

If you have published an article or book on spiritual formation in the last 3-5 years, please send a bibliographic note to Elizabeth Conde-Frazier at: ecfrazier@cst.edu.

Your publication will appear on a bibliography to be distributed at the NAPCE conference in October.

If your publisher makes it available to us, your book will be displayed at a teaching resource table at the conference. ■

# Julie Gorman Receives Distinguished Christian Educator Award

NAPCE's distinguished Warren S. Benson Christian Educator Award was presented to Dr. Julie A. Gorman during the 2003 conference in Boston.

Since 1984, Dr. Gorman has taught at Fuller in the area of Christian Formation and Discipleship. Prior to being on faculty at Fuller, Dr. Gorman served 8 years in Chicago as a Director of Christian Education, and 21 years as Pastor of Adults and Families and Small Groups in three churches in the Los Angeles area. She has authored *Community that is Christian*, including a second edition, *Dialoguing As Christians*, numerous books on small group leadership and was associate editor of *Baker's Dictionary of Christian Education*. Julie has also contributed chapters to significant texts on Christian education; had numerous articles published in the areas of teaching, building Christian community, and ministering to children and families; and is currently working on a textbook on transformational teaching. She is a speaker, preacher, retreat presenter, and consultant.

At Fuller, Dr. Gorman served from 1987-1992 as Assistant Professor, 1992 to 2000 as Associate Professor and presently as Professor of Christian Formation and Discipleship. From 1987 to 2001 at Fuller, Dr. Gorman was Director of the Christian Formation and Discipleship Program, which she started in cooperation with Roberta Hestenes, John Dettoni, and Bob Larson. From 1994-1998, Dr. Gorman was Pastor of Leadership Development at Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena. She is a graduate of Wheaton College and Graduate School and also Fuller Theological Seminary.



Dr. Gorman receives award from NAPCE president, Eileen Starr, as former NAPCE president, Greg Carlson, shares in the presentation.



Dr. Julie A. Gorman

## Roberta Hestenes on Julie Gorman

*"As a pastor in several congregations and as a professor at Fuller Theological Seminary, she has taught thousands of Christians the art and science of building Christian community through small groups. She has not only studied the relevant research literature on small groups, but she has also visited, examined, and probed hundreds of church programs to gain increased knowledge of what makes groups work. She is a gifted teacher who demonstrates her commitment to equipping the people of God to know and do the will of God in the world. With her biblical understanding of discipleship, she provides practical help to beginners and experienced leaders alike. I have been privileged to work alongside her as a colleague and friend for many years. I am grateful for the work she has done to make her experience and learning available to an ever larger audience."*

**From the Foreword to *Community That is Christian***

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# NAPCE and the *Christian Education Journal*

The second issue of the 3<sup>rd</sup> series of the *Christian Education Journal* is scheduled to come out in early April, and all NAPCE members will be receiving it as part of your paid membership. We're excited to be able to partner with NAPCE in making the journal a resource to inform and strengthen what we do in the field of Christian education. Here are a few things we would encourage you to do as NAPCE members.

## Writing for the Journal: Articles Wanted!

We hope to publish about 20 – 24 articles each year in the journal. We strongly encourage all NAPCE members to share the work you are doing with your peers through the journal. We need to stimulate each other and our students and friends in ministry toward excellence in our understanding and practice of Christian education. If you have an idea for an article, please check the journal website for information on submitting articles for consideration ([www.biola.edu/cej](http://www.biola.edu/cej)). Feel free to contact me about your ideas at: [editor.cej@biola.edu](mailto:editor.cej@biola.edu)

## Reviewing Books for the Journal

We are greatly expanding the book review section of the journal, with the intent to become the major clearinghouse for reviews of new books in the field of Christian education. We have recruited over a dozen NAPCE members to serve as book review area editors to help oversee this work. If you are interested in serving as a book reviewer for the journal, or know of a book you think should be reviewed, please contact Klaus Issler at: [reviews.cej@biola.edu](mailto:reviews.cej@biola.edu)

## Serving as a Peer-Reviewer of Articles Submitted

We have recruited 30 people to serve as article reviewers in our peer-review process. Each article submitted for publication is reviewed by two qualified NAPCE members to determine if it will be accepted for publication and what revisions, if any, are needed. If you are interested in serving as an article peer-reviewer, please contact me for more information: [editor.cej@biola.edu](mailto:editor.cej@biola.edu)

## Proposing a "Mini-Theme" for an Issue

As we look at future issues, we are interested in developing "mini-theme issues." This would consist of 4-6 articles on a theme within one issue of the journal. That would be all the articles for that issue, but enough to focus on and explore an important topic. If you have an idea for a theme issue, please email me: [editor.cej@biola.edu](mailto:editor.cej@biola.edu)

## Advertising Your Programs and Resources

The *Christian Education Journal* will have space in each issue for a limited number of advertisements. We are especially eager to provide space for the promotion of new publications in the field of Christian education, and to advertise your Christian education programs. We are also looking at having a "Market Place" section where people can advertise resources they have developed that may be of help to others in teaching or educational ministry leadership development. Contact Tora Massey, our publications office manager, at (562) 944-0351, ext. 5321, or email her at: [cej.subscriptions@biola.edu](mailto:cej.subscriptions@biola.edu)

## Searching for Past Articles, Ordering Articles and Issues: Website: [www.biola.edu/cej](http://www.biola.edu/cej)

You can search for articles in back issues by author, title, or key words. All back issues have been cataloged and are available for search on the website. Once you find what you are looking for, you can order reprints or custom issues. See below.

## Classroom Use: Back/Custom Issues, Reprints, Bulk Orders, Student Rates, Permissions

As you look through back issues of the journal, you will find articles that may be helpful for a course you teach. There may also be a particular theme issue you would like your students to purchase and use as a text in a course (e.g., curriculum, small groups, youth ministry). We can even put together a "Custom Issue" of selected articles from several issues to fit your needs. You can also submit requests for permission to print copies of articles for use in courses. Special rates for bulk orders and student subscription rates are available (see flyer enclosed – copy as needed). Check the website to learn more about these services or contact Tora Massey (above).

Thanks for your support in making this a journal that will serve us all well. I believe it is worth our best effort. If you have any questions, concerns, suggestions, or ideas you would like to pass on to me, please email me at: [editor.cej@biola.edu](mailto:editor.cej@biola.edu)  
Kevin E. Lawson, Editor, *Christian Education Journal* ■

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## Warren S. Benson Distinguished Christian Educators

1991 Charles Van Ness	1994 Ted W. Ward
1991 Lois and Mary LeBar	1997 Kenneth O. Gangel
1992 Leroy Ford	1998 Dennis E. Williams
1992 Howard Hendricks	1999 Donald M. Joy
1993 Bill V. Bynum	2000 Jim Plueddemann
1993 D. Campbell Wyckoff	2002 Les Blank
1994 Warren S. Benson	2003 Julie Gorman

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## Reflections on the 2003 NAPCE Conference

I found the conference very stimulating. It raised many questions for me about the nature of Christian Education. But I was encouraged that we are addressing critical issues in our field. A high point for me was the breakout session with Paul Bremer. As James Michael Lee, Ted Ward and others discussed the meaning of words such as *education*, *teaching*, *minister*, and *formation*, the issues related to spiritual growth became clearer. We must keep working to articulate our task and help the church find a new paradigm for fostering spiritual growth. I hope our next conference will continue this dialog.

*Eileen Starr, NAPCE President*

This year's conference was a very challenging one for me. While I wished we had more time to explore the implications of some of the perspectives that were shared, there was plenty to think about. The fellowship with others was rich (including the tour of Boston on Saturday), and I came away with a deep appreciation for my sisters and brothers who share my passions and concerns for the educational ministry of the church. There is a great sense of connection with my partners in serving God's Kingdom. I'm looking forward to meeting again next year in Orlando with Dallas Willard to challenge us.

*Kevin E. Lawson, NAPCE Vice President (2004)*



*Boston panel discussion participants included (l to r) Michael Anthony, Julie Gorman, Ron Habermas, Robert Pazmiño, and Jim Wilhoit.*

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## Conference Evaluations Considered

Dennis Williams,  
NAPCE Executive Administrator

Many of the 2003 conference attendees completed evaluation forms and this information was thoroughly discussed by the NAPCE board at the mid-winter board meeting the second weekend of January.

There were many helpful comments as well as some important concerns listed. All of these will be taken into consideration in the planning of the 2004 conference in Orlando. Program suggestions will be addressed by our Vice President, Kevin Lawson.

Let me address some of the facility concerns so that there can be a better understanding of how we select a location and what limitations we have in the process.

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## BOOK REVIEW

Elizabeth Conde-Frazier, Book Review Editor

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**Unfreezing Moves: Following Jesus into the Mission Field** by Bill Easum  
(Abingdon Press, 2002)

Reviewed by Donald E. Fredrickson, Dallas Baptist University

**B**ill Easum's book, *Unfreezing Moves*, is a refreshing look into exactly what the subtitle suggests—following Jesus into the mission field. While countless books offer insights into church growth and effective evangelism, few address the need to dive boldly into the stream of God's work. Unfreezing moves are purposeful movements away from complacency and status quo and toward meaningful ministry. While these aren't necessarily fresh new insights—Henry Blackaby has for years suggested the need to join God where He is already at work—they do remind us of the dangers inherent in placing undue importance on organizational health. To some the idea that the church places too much emphasis on evangelism borders on heresy. Easum would acknowledge the need for evangelizing the world, but would warn against becoming captive to comfortable, carefully designed models. *Unfreezing Moves* has inspired me to reassess my own views and to make a new commitment to maintaining a fresh, innovative witness to my world. Although designed primarily for church evangelism, the book is easily adaptable to other educational settings. It challenges the Christian educator in the classroom to think in new ways, to move away from yellowed lecture notes, to move boldly forward in addressing critical issues and spurring students toward meaningful ministry. It challenges the Christian educator in the church to become the catalyst through which God can transform a lifeless congregation into a dynamic, exciting, forward-thinking body of believers.

For future book reviews see the *Christian Education Journal*. ■

*Conference Evaluations continued from page 5*

The location (area of the country) is decided by the board. Going to New England in the fall brings some definite challenges. First, the cost of hotels is extremely high and from past experience, transportation from Boston Logan airport presented a challenge. We have a profile of what we need in a hotel and a price range for rooms. With the first proposals that came in we did not feel it would be possible to meet in the Boston area because of cost. Finally, with some back and forth negotiations, we were able to secure an acceptable rate for the Marriott in Quincy. Other acceptable properties in the same rate were an hour or two away. Downtown Boston was totally out of the question financially. The positives were that the facility was excellent and that it was reasonably "close" to Boston. The negatives included the lack of surrounding eating places and the challenge of airport transportation. To meet the food challenge we tried to get as many meals covered as possible. Catering charges amounted to \$30,000. Publishers contributed two thirds of this cost. Mark Canister, along with Gordon College students, did an outstanding job caring for the transportation challenge.

Several indicated the need for more media in presentations, especially since we are an education conference. Rental of media equipment in a hotel is very expensive and though we did rent some items, we could not afford to provide data projectors for every presentation, with the exception of the general sessions. Overhead projectors were available for some of the breakout sessions. In the future we need to be creative in finding ways to secure media equipment without renting it from the hotel.

Future conferences will face some of the same challenges and we as a board are working hard to make the conferences the best they can be. Feedback from the attendees is greatly appreciated. ■

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## NAPCE Membership Information

Membership in NAPCE provides valuable benefits:

- You receive the NAPCE Newsletter
- A subscription to the *Christian Education Journal* (now published through Talbot School of Theology)
- Free books and resources as they become available to us (most of these are given at the annual conference)
- Communication with others in the field through our web site ([www.napce.org](http://www.napce.org)). Outstanding fellowship opportunities with those who minister in the field of Christian Education.
- In March you are eligible to nominate one of your outstanding Christian education students to receive the Scholastic Recognition Award from NAPCE. Only members may make nominations.

Eligibility for NAPCE includes persons who teach Christian Education, including leadership and related subjects, those who taught these subjects in the past, professionals in the field of Christian Education and adjunct professors.

Membership fee is \$65 per year and student membership is \$35 per year. The membership year runs from October 1 through September 30. Make checks out to NAPCE (US Funds please) and send them to: Dennis E. Williams, Executive Administrator, NAPCE, SBTS 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville, KY 40280. ■