

2010 Conference Theme

**Re-Thinking "Church" -
Renewing Christian Formation**

Radical changes and challenges in contemporary culture are affecting the church in significant ways. Phyllis Tickle ([The Great Emergence](#)) describes these changes as being on the scale of the Great Schism and the Reformation. The 2010 NAPCE Conference provides opportunity for exploration and conversation about our contemporary notions of "church" and the processes of formation that flow from them.

Keynote speakers, Rev. Mike Erre ([Death by Church](#)) and Dr. Scot McKnight ([The Blue Parakeet](#)), will kick-start the discussions over meals and other contexts at the conference.

Register soon to be part of this timely conversation, as well as current research presentations, affinity groups, and the new "research mall." Come for the professional development; stay for the collegial contacts!

2010 Conference Schedule

Keynotes, Breakouts, and Networks

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

2:30-5:30 Registration
5:00 Academic Writing Workshop
6:00 Reception
6:30 Dinner
7:45 Plenary I - Scot McKnight
9:00 Exhibits, NAPCE Research Mall, and Newcomers Reception

FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER

7:30a Breakfast
8:30 Plenary 2
9:45 Break
10:00 Current Research
11:30 Break
11:45 Mapping CE Initiatives
12:30p Lunch
5:00 Exhibits and NAPCE Research Mall
5:30 Research Mall Presentations
6:00 Dinner & Warren S. Benson Distinguished Educator Award presentation
7:30 Plenary 3 - Mike Erre: The Church: Incarcerating Itself or Incarnating Christ for all?
8:45 Authors Meet and Greet
9:00 Affinity Groups / Gatherings

SATURDAY 23 OCTOBER

7:30 Breakfast
8:30 Exhibits
9:00 Plenary 4
10:15 Membership Meeting

11:00 - 11:30 am Check-out

12:00 Board Meeting

2010 Research Presentations

Current Research and the New "Mall"

A strength of the annual NAPCE conference is the current research presentations. This year, research presentations will include the following:

- Validating the Growing Disciples in Community Model** (Kathleen Beagles)
- Created for Consonance: Evolution of Cognitive Dissonance Theory** (Danny R. Bowen)
- Wisdom from the Desert: The Relevance of John Cassian's Psychology for Today** (James C. Wilhoit)
- The Integration of Jesus' Great Commandment Within Christian Higher Education: An Analysis of the Leadership Praxis of Dr. David S. Dockery** (Tanner Franklin Hickman)
- An Examination of the Contributions of John H Westerhoff to Christian Education and Practical Theology** (Michael S Bickford)
- Evaluation is the Steering Wheel: How Evaluative Assumptions Intersect Philosophy and Practice in Ministry** (Michael K. Severe)
- The Ivory Tower meets the Sunday School: The Necessity of Introducing Biblical/Theological Scholarship into Local Christian Education** (James Riley Estep, Jr.)
- A Theology of Grandparenting and Generational Faith** (Gordon L. Coulter / James W. Thompson)
- Children's Lived Experiences of the "House of the Church"** (Carol Anne Janzen)
- An (Re-)Emergence of the Great Communion as a Motif for the Revitalization of the Educational Ministry of the Church** (S. Steve Kang)
- Children and Bible Stories: A Case Study of an Elementary Sunday School Program** (Sharon Warkentin Short)
- A Study of Post-baccalaureate Leadership Curricula at Select Christian Institutes of Higher Education** (Anthony Foster)
- The Dilemma of Covenant Devaluation in Current Culture** (Ruth-Anne E. Wideman)
- A Dialogical Approach to Prayer and Children's Spiritual Maturity** (Youngju Kim)
- Shaped by Metaphor** (Lisa Milligan Long)
- The Great Commission and Cognitive Science: Implications for Christian Educators** (Shirl S. Schiffman)
- The Christian Academic as Public Intellectual: Why We Have a Dog(ma) in This Fight** (Jim Parsons / Alan Sears)
- Reassessing Assessment: Biblical Contexts for Accreditation Contours** (Mark Eckel)

In addition, a new "research mall" is offered this year, where attendees will be able to view displays of 10-12 emerging research projects and interact with the researchers.

Obviously, attendees will have a multitude of options for engaging colleagues about their research projects at this year's conference.

2010 Conference Registration, Lodging, Transportation

New Online Registration

Last year we were able to meet our hotel commitment with rooms used and catering because many attended with limited or no institutional support. The economy is still causing serious problems and, of course, we need registration numbers to meet our commitments. The program this year will be outstanding and, as those who attended last year will attest, the hotel is one of the finest in the city. The location of the conference makes it possible to visit several areas in downtown Louisville.

Registration for the 2010 Conference is easily completed online on the NAPCE website (www.napce.org) with a credit card. If you prefer to pay by check, a registration form in PDF format is available at the same location, and can be mailed.

Note that rooms at the Brown Hotel may be hard to secure after the **room reservation cut-off date of September 20**, and the hotel also is not obligated to honor the conference rate of \$125.00 (per night) after that date.

The hotel does provide **complimentary airport limo** service. Call the hotel at 502-583-1234 and ask for the bell stand. They will provide information on the pick-up location and times.

NAPCE Membership

Unable to Attend This Year's Conference?

You can **renew your membership** in NAPCE, even if you aren't able to attend this year's conference. Annual dues are only \$65.00 (grad students, \$35.00). Payment of dues entitles you to the benefits of membership, including subscription to [Christian Education Journal](#), and also contributes to the continuing mission of NAPCE. For the first time, membership dues can be paid online easily by credit card (www.napce.org).

Christian Educators of the 20th Century

Project Nears Completion, Changes Website

The "Christian Educators of the 20th Century" (CE20) is a web-based database project funded by the Lilly Endowment that began in 2001 and is now nearing completion. The project provides information on influential Protestant, Catholic, and Orthodox Christian/religious education leaders of the 20th century and make it available to people all over the world for research and as a reference work.

The database provides biographical and bibliographical information on these leaders to assist others in understanding the development of Christian education in North America over this past century. Covering approximately 160 people who have helped shape Christian/religious education since the founding of the Religious Education Association in 1903, entries include: biographical essays, pictures, bibliographies of their publications and others about them and their work, excerpts of their works demonstrating their ideas (where permission can be obtained), and assessments of their influence within the field of Christian education.

The project has a peer-review board and helps facilitate historical, philosophical, and theological research in the broad field of Christian education. Approximately 150 entries are currently posted, and the remaining ones should be completed this coming year. We invite you to check it out, and use it in your teaching and research.

Important Note: Due to some technical problems, we lost our old web address (www.ce20.org) and are now using a new one: www.christianeducators20.com.

— Kevin Lawson

NAPCE Website

Website Experiences Overhaul

The NAPCE website (www.napce.org) has gone through an overhaul, thanks to the volunteered expertise of James Flynn. The same address has been retained, so members will not need to change bookmarks. The "look" has been updated a bit, and members will find the same helpful content. The major difference, however, is what's behind the scenes — "coding and structure has changed into templates so that each page is no longer edited independently but can now be changed systemically," according to Jim Dekker, NAPCE website coordinator. Thanks, Jim and James, for your work on this project!

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