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Author! Author!

Hello!

Many of us have completed another year of programming and are now "digging out:" cleaning classrooms, trying to find the surface of our desks again. And many are gearing up for summer programs of all types.

No matter what you're doing, know that your Board of Directors is working right alongside you, sharing your joys and frustrations and holding you all in prayer!

Mentorship Program Unveiled

Mary Lou Crifasi, with input from fellow NAECED Board members, has created guidelines for connecting newer educators -- or any in particular need of renewal -- with mentors in Christian Education.



The Board's intention is to match people up and then move out of the way, allowing educators to connect directly with each other. The guidelines will help to ensure that these helping relationships work well for both parties.

The guidelines will be posted soon, along with instructions for how to participate either as a mentor or as a mentee. We'll also announce on the listserv as soon as those documents are available.



Many of you are published authors, and we want to toot your horns for you!

Watch our website for a list of publications by NAECED members, current as of June 2009.

We'll announce on the listserv when the list is up.

Help us keep up with you by emailing staff@naeced.org with publication information.

The Board hasn't read each item in its entirety and therefore isn't endorsing books or programs. However, we know the caliber of our membership and are pleased to share these titles with you!

General Convention update

NAECED listserv participants hopefully saw the email from Stephanie Wight, who's coordinating the **Discovery Center** at General Convention in Anaheim, CA July 8-17. She's seeking educational resources for all ages - in honor of the proposed [Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation](#) - concerning 5 themes:

Theme 1 We are Family: diversity, etc.

Theme 2 The Global Village: MDG's, etc.

Theme 3 Crossroads: intersection of culture, etc. with faith and religion

Theme 4 God's Economy: stewardship, etc.

Theme 5 Healing our Planet Earth

Please contact Stephanie directly at

resource@diocese-oregon.org to offer your wisdom!

And please consider talking up the Charter for Lifelong Christian Formation with your deputies and bishops. Show them the impressive list of "endorsers" on the home page. You might also wish to add your own name to that growing list.

Kudos to NAECED Board member and Associate Program Officer for Children's Formation, Jeffri Harre, and his entire team for the fantastic **Children's Formation program** designed for General Convention. There are programs for infants and toddlers as well as school-aged children. You'll find all the details on the [National Church website](#), including registration materials!

There is also exciting legislation pending concerning **health insurance** for ALL Episcopal Church employees who work at least 30 hours a week. A great deal of study has gone into the proposed solution being presented at General Convention. To educate yourself further, please visit the website of [Church Pension Group](#). You can also contact Timothy Vanover, Project Manager, at dhpstudy@cpq.org

Grass-roots advocacy is a powerful thing. And it's been wonderful to see what happens when NAECED members become educated and involved in the process of shaping National Church policy!

Upcoming Conferences



June 14-19, 2009

Kanuga [Christian Formation](#)

[Conference](#)

Hendersonville, North Carolina
**Still accepting registrations
for this excellent conference!**

October 11-14, 2009

[Western Christian Educators' Conference](#)

Lake Tahoe, Nevada

High caliber presenters in a fantastic setting

January 22-24, 2010:

"Come Away to the Vineyard"



NAECED

**"Tapestry" Conference in association with
NOERC, the National Organization of Episcopal
Resource Centers**

Menlo Park, California

(San Francisco Bay area)

We'll stay at the beautiful [Vallombrosa Center](#) and
enjoy the hospitality of nearby [Holy Trinity Episcopal
Church](#). More details coming soon!

**Link Up at
General Convention!**



NAECED Board member Wendy Claire Barrie has offered to be the "point person" for folks attending GC09 in Anaheim, CA.

Want to connect with fellow NAECED members in California? Contact Wendy at 949.510.3495 (cell) or WBarrie@christchurchgreenwich.org.

Another option is to seek out the beautiful banner designed for the NAECED booth by Board member Jenifer Gamber, once you're arrived. You're sure to find kindred spirits beneath it!

Coming

Many of us celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with a **Blessing of the Animals**.

Fall 2009

Does your parish do something fun that you'd like to share?

Send text/photos to [Cathy Ode](#) by **August 1, 2009** for possible inclusion in the next issue of NAECED News!

And for those who like to plan ahead: **The National Observance of Children's Sabbaths® Weekend: October 16-18, 2009** Sponsored by the Children's Defense Fund, the National Observance of Children's Sabbaths weekend is an annual, multi-faith holiday that celebrates children and provides the opportunity for communities of faith to nurture, protect and advocate for all children. Visit www.childrensdefense.org/faith to learn more.

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