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May 2009 APCE Alert

May always seems like a time of transition, moving from what has been happening during the 'regular' year into what is going to happen in the summer and the year beyond. Most educators have one eye on such activities as teacher recognition and graduation celebrations while summer programming is being launched, and looking ahead to fall educational ministries. God's peace to you as you navigate this time of year.

Now is a good time to consider who amongst us should be recognized and honored. The nomination process for Educator of the Year and Lifetime Achievement awards is necessarily complex, and cannot be done well close to the deadlines for these nominations. Forms are available on the APCE website. The Lifetime Achievement award deadline is September 15.

Upcoming APCE Regional continuing education events and meetings:

- Mid-Central—Oct 18-20, "Oasis," at The Elms Resort & Spa and Barbee Memorial Presbyterian Church, Excelsior Springs, MO. Leadership includes Judith Todd and Valerie Isenhower, authors and pastors.
- Western Christian Educators Conference—Oct 11-14, "Learning as Liturgy, Liturgy as Learning," at Zephyr Point Presbyterian Conference Center, Nevada. Leadership by Eric H. F. Law and Donald Schell.
- Great Lakes (GLAPCE) Conference, October 21-23, "Our Faith verses Theirs? Educating in a Religiously Pluralistic World" at the Clarion Inn and Conference Center, Hudson, OH. Leadership by Dr Richard G Watts and Rev Brenda Grauer.

For more info and to register, begin at the website. Use the links on the regional map (double click on the region).

Certification Courses available:

- **Religious Education Theory and Practice**
Course Provider: Covenant Gathering, June 28 – July 3, 2009 at Michindoh Camp and Retreat Center in Hillsdale, Michigan.
- **Instructor:** Dr. Eugene Gibbs. Contact [Donna Gray](mailto:dgrayce@sbcglobal.net) (dgrayce@sbcglobal.net).

- **Religious Education, Theory and Practice:** Certification Course Co-Sponsored by SCRAPCE, Synod of the Sun and APTS. August 3-7, 2009, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas. Instructor: Rev. Dr. Michael Waschevski.

Registration Deadline is July 27, 2009

To download a registration brochure go to <http://events.synodsun.com> and click on the title of the workshop.

Questions? E-mail Valerie Knox, Registrar vknox@synodsun.com.

More certification courses will be offered in January, including two at the Annual Event in Nashville.

Speaking of Nashville – you can now make your hotel reservations for the 2010 Annual Event online! Follow the link on the home page of our website.

Cindy Moorman, chairperson of the 2011 (!) Annual Event invites you to get ready to submit workshop proposals. Stay tuned but start planning now.

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Don't forget those great APCE mugs and window clings - they make great inexpensive gifts for all the Christian educators in your life. APCE Jewelry is also still available.

One concrete way you can continue to support the mission of APCE -- connecting, enriching, empowering and sustaining persons call to educational ministry -- is to give to the APCE Endowment. The deadline for application for grants is approaching. You can help assure there will be funds to give away by making a contribution. No matter the size of the gift, think of someone who has empowered and sustained your ministry and make a gift in their honor or memory.

Blessings,
Medora Hix
APCE President