

NEWSLETTER FOR THE GREAT LAKES REGION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EDUCATORS



The Breeze

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

FEEDING THE SPIRIT

This past February over 750 educators met in Albuquerque to rest, relax and renew. The temperatures may have been well below freezing, but the warmth of shared fellowship, worship and learning to "Walk in Balance" was quite evident! We were led in our plenaries by Rick Ufford-Chase and we were fed in spirit by the many wonderful workshops. Be sure to check out the APCE website (www.apcenet.org) for more information on a fabulous event.

So, what can you do if you missed the annual event this year? There are two wonderful opportunities coming, and they are BOTH in our own backyard! You will find information in this newsletter on both events-our fall GLACE conference and the APCE Annual Event in Grand Rapids in 2012.

So, why should you take the time and expense to attend these events if at all possible? We in educational ministry tend to take care of everyone else's needs before our own. We research and order curriculum, train volunteers, plan mission trips and retreats and see to the spiritual needs of those on our congregations.

But what do we do for ourselves to stay fresh and committed to what we do? I heard a great analogy not long ago. Someone said that folks in ministry have the responsibility to see to their own needs, even before they see to the needs of those they lead. This person likened it to being on an airplane when the cabin suddenly loses pressure. We are told at the beginning of the flight that, in the event this happens, we are to secure the mask over our own face BEFORE helping those we are travelling with.

It's important for us to practice spiritual self-care. These events, sponsored by GLAPCE and APCE offer wonderful opportunities to learn new things, share worship and fellowship with others and generally renew the spirit. I know money is tight for everyone. You will also find information in this newsletter on scholarship opportunities for both events. I hope you are able to take advantage of these terrific events!

Lisa Watts

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SCHOLARSHIPS TO THE 2011 GLAPCE FALL ANNUAL EVENT

Scholarships are available to the Regional Conference for a lay leader involved in Christian Education attending for the first time.

One scholarship in the amount of \$100.00 will be awarded per state.

To apply contact your State Representative listed on the cover of this issue of *The Breeze*. Applications are due by July 15th, 2010 for this year's conference in Geneva Center Rochester, IN

Each state recipient will be selected in a random drawing and notified before August 1st.

Great Lakes Educators Martha Ross Mockaitis and Liz Wollaeger honored for achieving certification.



The Church in Old Town, Albuquerque, NM
Site of APCE Conference 2011

The **GLAPCE LAMP AWARD** is presented occasionally to someone who:

- Has been a member of GLAPCE / APCE for at least 5 years.
- Has made unusual, unique and /or out-standing contributions to: GLAPCE/APCE, the local church or other governing bodies of PC(USA).

Nominations may be submitted in writing by any GLAPCE member and signed by at least 3 GLAPCE members.

Nomination forms and criteria for selection should be requested from the GLAPCE Secretary, Cheryl Moles.

Nomination forms should be returned to the GLAPCE Secretary. Final selection will be made by the GLAPCE board. Lamp Award is usually presented at the annual fall business meeting.

GLAPCE FALL EVENT

October 25-27, 2011

Geneva Center

Rochester, IN

Faith Re-Formation

Making Our Practices Reformed

Dr. Donald McKim, speaker

In our times together, we will explore Reformed accents for educational ministries in the church. Using the rubrics of “head,” “heart,” and “hands,” on which our *Being Reformed: Faith Seeking Understanding* curriculum is built, we will look at ways in which our Reformed and Presbyterian tradition has emphasized the intellectual, affectional, and active dimensions of Christian faith. Focusing on these emphases guides us in educational ministries by helping us recognize ways those of all ages in the church can experience faith development in full Christian lives.

We will probe the need for and nature of educational ministries from the words of Joshua: “When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them...” (Joshua 4:6-7) and from Jesus’ description of the great commandment: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength” (Mark 12:30).

Plenaries with Dr. McKim will include: Interpreting the Stones: The Nature of Christian Faith and Life; Loving God with our Hearts and Souls; Loving God with our Minds; Loving God with our Strength.

Schedule: registration will begin at 3 p.m. on Tuesday. Opening gathering will be at 4 p.m. The event concludes on Thursday morning after closing worship at 11 a.m. Besides the four plenaries with Dr. McKim, there will be workshops aimed at working with children, youth, and/or adults.

Before you arrive: Dr. McKim recommends looking at one or more of these books,

To Be Reformed: Living the Tradition by Joseph D. Small

More Presbyterian Questions, More Presbyterian Answers by Donald K. McKim

Presbyterian Questions, Presbyterian Answers by Donald K. McKim

Presbyterian Beliefs: A Brief Introduction by Donald K. McKim

Introducing the Reformed Faith: Biblical Revelation, Christian Tradition, Contemporary Significance by Donald K. McKim

Registration Form
GLAPCE FALL EVENT
October 25-27, 2011
Geneva Center
Rochester, IN

Name _____

Name as it should appear on nametag _____

Address _____
NUMBER AND STREET CITY STATE ZIPCODE

Phone _____ Email _____

Church _____

Position _____

Roommate preference or state "single room" _____

Please state dietary needs: _____

Registration Fees (Note that all APCE members are GLAPCE members)

For GLAPCE members	\$165
For non-GLAPCE members	\$185
Single room option	add \$ 50
Early registration, before August 1 deduct	\$ 10
Commuter rate	\$ 80

Total due _____

\$35 of registration fee is non-fundable. The balance will be returned if written cancellation request is sent to Martha McDonald prior to September 25.

Mail registration form and payment made out to GLAPCE to
GLAPCE
% Martha McDonald
5426 E. St. Clair St.
Indianapolis, IN 46219

_____ I would like to apply for a GLAPCE state scholarship of \$100.00.

_____ I am a first time attender. **Deadline July 15.**

**APCE 2012
GRAND RAPIDS, MICHIGAN
“God’s Surprising Wonders”
February 1-4**

Join us in Grand Rapids for the 2012 APCE Annual Event for “God’s Surprising Wonders” where one of the biggest surprises may well be the weather - projected (by Great Lakes Representative Charlotte McGowan) to be warm and balmy, as opposed to the 10 below in Albuquerque. Watch the APCE website for more information. The speakers include Rabbi Sandy Sasso, Dr. Carol Bechtel, and Dr. Claudio Carvalhaes.

**Scholarships for
2012 APCE**

A number of scholarships are available to help with expenses to the APCE Annual Event. This is a wonderful way to introduce educators to the professional development and spiritual renewal we receive by attending. Further information about the scholarships and application forms are available on the APCE web site www.apcenet.org. Scholarships include the following:

E. Val Murphy - deadline Oct.1. Up to \$1000 in reimbursed expenses. Consideration given to ethnic minority persons working in the field of Christian Education,

Christian education students, Christian Educators who are professionals or volunteers Small Church - deadline Sep. 15. Pays for early registration to the Annual Event and a one year membership in APCE. A small church is one with 100 or fewer in attendance in worship. Regional - deadline Nov. 15. Pays for early registration to the Annual Event and a one year membership in APCE. This scholarship is for first time attendees with preference given to racial ethnic/multi-cultural persons.

Global Partner - deadline Oct.1. Reimburses a minimum of \$750 expenses. Awarded to international participants affiliated with our partner denominations outside of North America.

Retired Educators - deadline Nov. 15. Up to \$1000 in reimbursed expenses. Awarded to a retired church educator who has been a member of APCE 10 or more years and is in the region where the Annual Event occurs. For the 2012 Annual Event, that’s GLAPCE! There is no application form for this award; the person must be nominated by the Regional Representative.

Please contact Charlotte McGowan (char50mac@sbcglobal.net) if you would like to be considered for this scholarship.

Certification Course - goes to the first 6 applications received. Pays \$150 of the course registration. Applicants must currently be enrolled in the certification process.

Applications for the Val Murphy, Small Church, Global Partner, and Certification Course scholarships should be sent to Forrest Palmer, 1661 Eldonias Court, Stone Mountain, GA 30087.

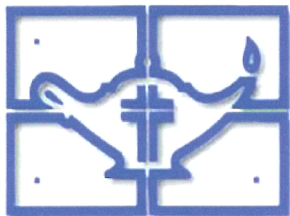
Applications for the Great Lakes Regional Scholarship should be sent to Charlotte McGowan, 3559 Birch Tree Path, Cleveland Heights, OH 44121.

Charlotte McGowan

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1. GLAPCE Board & Ed and Kathleen

2. Enjoyed the Tribal dances of the Native American Cultural Center.

3. Chimney Rock, Ghost Ranch, February 2011

4. Worship Center at Ghost Ranch

Photo above were taken
at A.P.C.E. 2011
in Albuquerque, NM

1. The GLAPCE Board worked hard and played hard. ED was there.
2. A visit to the Native American Cultural Center following the Welcoming Dinner of the 2011 APCE Conference as very interesting.
3. Chimney Rock on the land of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'S Ghost Ranch.
4. The extended trip to Ghost Ranch was great. Chimney Rock in the distance.

Mark Your Calendar!

**APCE 2012 Annual Event
SURPRISING WONDERS
Grand Rapids, Michigan
Great Lakes Region
February 1-February 4, 2012**

Willa Brown
is chairing the Local Committee for APCE 2012!
willabrown@comcast.net

EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION CLASS

Detroit Ecumenical Theological Seminary will be offering Polity for Educator certification this fall on Wednesday evenings. Church Educators seeking certification within the Presbytery of Detroit should contact Laura Price Moderator of the Church Education and Faith Development Work Group for details regarding scholarship money.