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LOOKING AHEAD TO OCTOBER 21-23, 2004

Why Attend the NAPCE October Conference? "Education for Renovation"

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

“Another academic conference. Why should I use my limited school funds to attend this NAPCE conference this year? I have lots of other options, why would I want to go to *this* conference?”

It's true, we do have many options for conferences and limited financial support from our schools to enable us to attend them. Most of us can only make it to one conference a year. If that is your situation, let me give you three reasons why I think *this* conference, *this* year, is a good investment of your professional development funds.

First, Christian education is a dynamic, changing field and NAPCE is a place to catch up on what is happening in our discipline and what others are doing in their schools. We all see the changes happening in our culture, our churches, and in the field of Christian education. There has been tremendous growth in certain areas of Christian education, changing paradigms of what we are doing and how best to do it, increased specialization in ministry positions, and growth of resources. New models of ministry have emerged that challenge assumptions of how Christian education is best carried out and how it relates to other ministries that impact the spiritual growth and maturity of Christians. None of us can keep up with all the changes and new ideas. Our times together at NAPCE give us the opportunity to hear from others what is happening in their areas. The seminars on Friday give an opportunity for presentations in a wide

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Williams and Gangel Book Reprinted

Wipf and Stock Publishers in Eugene, Oregon announced that the book *Volunteers For Today's Church* by Dennis Williams and Ken Gangel is reprinted and currently available. For more information see their website www.wipfandstock.com, or call (541) 244 1528.



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range of areas and issues. This helps give us a bigger picture of the field of Christian education and insights into some of the changing landscape. This conference is extremely helpful as we seek to give guidance to our students in our classes and to our schools in the development of our programs. You cannot get this anywhere else.

Second, this year's focus, "Education for Renovation" is central to the task of Christian education, and Dallas Willard is a great person to dialog with us about it. We are all aware of the growing interest in spiritual formation and its potential to strengthen the ministry of the church. In Christian education, the spiritual growth and maturing of the learner is a central aspect of our purpose. For many years we have wrestled with the pros and cons of different understandings of teaching and education (e.g., formal, non-formal, informal approaches), and it has not always been clear how to teach to promote spiritual growth and transformation. These are areas that Dallas Willard cares deeply about, and has spent much time considering. He values what we do in Christian education in the church and wants to help us think through ways of doing it well. His four plenary sessions will help us think through important issues for our work. This will be a stimulating discussion, and I am looking forward to our times with him. I don't think you will want to miss this.

Third, NAPCE is a place where you can connect with like-minded colleagues who care deeply about what you are doing. This will be my fifteenth NAPCE conference. I have not missed one since I first came in 1990. What has brought me back year after year is the supportive friendships and connections I have made with others

A Great Opportunity

Eileen Starr, NAPCE President

The NAPCE Orlando conference has much to offer - stimulating plenary sessions, focused discussion groups, research presentations, professional development seminars, networking and great fellowship. I believe that everyone who attends will find encouragement and inspiration. The conference will have variety and depth. There will be opportunities for you to participate and dialog with others as well as listen to experienced educators.

I would hope that NAPCE 2004 will be as memorable to you as NAPCE 1985 was to me. That year we met in Orlando. I have great memories of that conference and of the planning time the officers had in January. I was a newly elected officer (secretary) from a small school in Alaska. The other officers were Dennis Williams, D. Campbell Wyckoff, Warren Benson and Ken Gangel. I felt totally out of my element among these distinguished men. But these gentlemen made me feel comfortable by treating me with great respect during the planning sessions. That evening we visited Disney World's Epcot Center. We rode on rides, looked at exhibits and enjoyed each other's company. We yelled and laughed on the scary rides. I saw these men, whom I deeply respected in another light. They were people who enjoyed some of the same things I enjoy.

who feel as passionately about their work as I do. Face it, not everyone understands what Christian education (by whatever name you call it) is all about, and not everyone sees its importance the same way we do. This conference provides an opportunity to interact with others who are interested in what you are doing and who share your

We had a great time together. The experience increased my self-confidence. These men encouraged me and challenged me to use my gifts.

Fellowship is powerful. We can encourage and shape one another as we spend time together. Orlando provides many venues for great informal fellowship. Plan to come early or stay late to have time for fellowship. Don't miss this great opportunity to encourage one another. ■

Board Nominations Invited

As a member of NAPCE you can nominate people to the NAPCE board. Board member must have attended two 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. ■

desire to do it better. We are all enriched by these relationships and the encouragement and challenge we receive from each other. Extra time has been built into the schedule on Friday afternoon for some "time off task," allowing you extended time to meet and talk with friends and colleagues.

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Christian Educators of the 20th Century Project Update

Kevin E. Lawson

Over the last three years a number of NAPCE members have contributed to this web-based database project funded by the Lilly Endowment. The project will provide biographical information and bibliographies of over 160 Christian education leaders of the last century on its website (www.talbot.edu/ceacademic). Each entry will have a biographical essay, an essay on the person's contributions to the field of Christian education, a thorough bibliography of their published works and recordings, selected excerpts from their publications, a recommended reading list, and a photo.

To date, of 162 people identified, 133 have been assigned to an author and 69 of these have been completed at least in draft form. Approximately 45 entries are currently posted on the website. About two-dozen of the entries became the basis of articles that were published in the special 2003-2004 *Christian Education Journal* series 3 inaugural volume on evangelical Christian education leaders of the 20th century.

Those with interest in possibly contributing to this project should visit the website for contact information and guidelines. The following NAPCE members serve on the editorial board for this project: Harold Burgess, Cheryl Fawcett, Kevin Lawson, Robert Pazmiño, and Eileen Starr (Warren Benson, deceased, also served on this board). ■

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Some other things to consider as you make your decisions on which conference to go to: Along with the four plenary sessions with Dallas Willard, we have three time-slots on Friday for seminar presentations. We have three types of seminars available at these times, with a lot of planning already settled, but some still being finalized. Here is what we know as of the end of July:

Professional Development Sessions:

Focusing on your growth as a professor in the field of Christian education.

- Ken Gangel – *Finding One's Role as a Faculty Member: Moving Toward Excellence*

- Shelly Cunningham – *Creative Teaching in the College Classroom: Part I*

- Ed Robinson – *Assessment of Student Learning in Your Courses*

- Ed Robinson – *Assessment of Your Program*

- Dave Rahn – *Staying Fresh in the Discipline of Christian Education*

- Klaus Issler – *Writing and Reviewing for Academic Journals*

Theme-Related Sessions:

Focusing on spiritual formation and Christian education, and on Creativity.

- Paul Bramer – *Spiritual Formation with Students in the Classroom*

- Jim Wilhoit – *Accessing Traditions of Spiritual Formation for Evangelicals*

- Judy TenElshof – *Impacting Small Group Ministry Through Spiritual Direction*

- Cathy Stonehouse – *Stimulating Creative Thinking in Students*

Current Research Presentations:

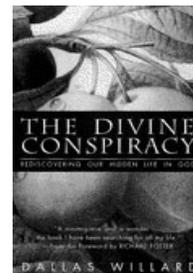
Recent research by NAPCE members

- So far, around 14 research reports on a wide range of topics in the field of Christian education. By the time all

are settled there should be 16-18 sessions.

Preparing for the Conference:

Since our speaker, Dallas Willard, has published a variety of writings that relate to the topic of the conference, we talked with him about how we might prepare for our time together. He recommended that we read *The Divine Conspiracy* (HarperSan Francisco, 1998), chapters 1,2, and 8, and *Renovation of the Heart* (NavPress, 2002), chapters 1, 5, and 13, to get a introduction to his ideas on how teaching ministries in the church can be developed and carried out to encourage the transforming work of the Holy Spirit in people's lives. If you can, read these chapters before you come. They will help us have a fruitful discussion with Dallas Willard.



Dallas Willard

All in all, this promises to be a stimulating and valuable conference. I invite you all to register and join us in Orlando, October 21-23 at the Hilton in the Walt Disney World Resort. Go to the NAPCE website for more conference details and to register. Those who are not attending the AYME conference immediately following the NAPCE conference, but who are staying over until Sunday, October 24, may want to consider spending Saturday afternoon and evening with other NAPCE attendees at Epcot or Disney World. Half-day tickets are available from the Hilton. This can be a fun way to end our time together. ■

Christian Education Journal: Expansion of Book Reviews Section

The upcoming Fall 2004 issue of the *Christian Education Journal* begins the new expanded book review format of the journal. In the past, NAPCE published book reviews in its newsletters. Now, 60-80 pages of book reviews will be published in each issue of the *CEJ*. Klaus Issler is serving as book review editor for the journal, and fourteen other NAPCE members are serving as Area Book Review Editors. If you are interested in reviewing a book for the journal, you can contact one of the following people, depending on the focus of the book you want to review:

***Foundations of Christian Education* (Books related to Christian education and theology, philosophy, history, culture, Church and society, etc.)**

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Guidelines for book reviews, peer-reviewing articles, and writing for the *Christian Education Journal*, are all available at the journal website: www.biola.edu/cej ■

Locations of Past NAPCE Conferences

- 1970 Philadelphia
- 1971 Chicago
- 1972 Los Angeles – meeting
canceled
- 1973 St. Paul, MN
- 1974 Denver
- 1975 Whitewater, WI – Met with
Christian Camping
International
- 1976 St. Louis
- 1978 (February) Dallas/Fort Worth
- 1978 (November) Roseville, MN
- 1980 (February) Denver
- 1980 (October) Detroit
- 1981 Chicago
- 1982 Pasadena, CA
- 1983 Nashville
- 1984 Kansas City
- 1985 Orlando, FL
- 1986 Chicago
- 1987 Boston – Danvers, MA
- 1988 Vail, CO
- 1989 San Francisco – meeting
canceled due to earthquake
- 1990 Chicago
- 1991 Atlanta
- 1992 Dallas
- 1993 Fairfax, VA
- 1994 Irvine, CA
- 1995 Chicago
- 1996 Denver
- 1997 Ft. Mill, SC
- 1998 Nashville
- 1999 San Diego
- 2000 Toronto
- 2001 Chicago
- 2002 San Diego
- 2003 Quincy, MA

Reserve Date Now!

NAPCE ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2005

October 20-22

Minneapolis, Minnesota Area

NAPCE Members' Exhibit Booth

Some of our members have requested the opportunity to display their work at the NAPCE conference. The board feels this is a legitimate request and at the conference in Orlando a special table will be available to NAPCE members who want to display copies of their research or other appropriate items consistent with our mission statement. Persons wishing to take advantage of this opportunity should contact Dennis Williams to sign up.

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James Michael Lee, Long-time NAPCE Member, Dies Suddenly

Professor James Michael Lee IV passed away July 15, 2004 at the age of 72. His career spanned forty years teaching educational philosophy at the University of Alabama at Birmingham, and the universities of Notre Dame and Seton Hall. Dr. Lee began teaching at UAB in 1976. He held the distinguished honor of having been the youngest full professor at Notre Dame University at age 28. A prolific author, he wrote extensively on religious education and is considered one of the world's leading experts on the subject.

Dr. Lee taught military chaplains for Air University and the Department of the Navy and received the distinction as honorary chaplain in the Air Force. Professor Lee was a

member of the Board of Directors of the international Religious Education Association and lectured frequently to professional education groups throughout the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia.

Dr. Lee was the founder and editor-in-chief of the non-profit company, Religious Education Press, which publishes the works of noted authors.

Dr. Lee considered religious education to be his life's mission. His monumental trilogy on religious education accomplishes what never before has been attempted in Catholic or Protestant circles, namely the development of a broad, comprehensive, and systematic macro theory of religious instruction. Ecumenical in tone, reference and intent, Lee's work is continuing to ex-

ert significant impact on Catholic and Protestant religious educators alike.

Dr. Lee will be missed by his friends, family, students and colleagues but the legacy of his work is everlasting. He is survived by his wife Marlene Mayr Lee, and his three sons, James, Michael, and Patrick Lee. Condolences may be sent to his wife, Marlene Mayr Lee, 5316 Meadow Brook Road, Birmingham, AL 35242 USA. ■

(For more information on the life of James Michael Lee see Harley Atkinson's article in Baker's *Evangelical Dictionary of Christian Education* or the entry on Professor Lee at the *Christian Educators of the 20th Century Project* <<http://www.biola.edu/ceacademic/jmlee.cfm>>.)

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). 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. ■