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### NAPCE 2005 – Rochester, Minnesota, October 20-22

## DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL MINISTRY LEADERS FOR A CHANGING CHURCH

Kevin E. Lawson, Conference Vice-President

### SPECIAL PRE-CONFERENCE OPPORTUNITY!

Come early on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m. to hear a speaker from Mayo Clinic talk about the philosophy and challenge of the clinic's educational vision. At 4:00 p.m. join others to tour part of the Mayo Clinic and hear more of its history. No registration fee required. Details at the NAPCE check-in table the opening day of the conference.

### 2006 CONFERENCE LOCATION AND DATES

Denver, Colorado will host the 2006 NAPCE conference. The dates will be October 19-21. We will be staying at the downtown Denver Marriott City Center Hotel. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar.

“The times, they are a changin’,” sang Bob Dylan in the 1960s, and the words are as true today as they were then. I’ve been involved in parachurch and church ministry since the early 1970s and teaching in Christian education for the last thirteen years, and my students continually remind me that the ministry context they are in is changing. Though people’s spiritual needs are basically the same, the culture we are a part of is changing, and we will have to adapt our ministry approaches if we are to accomplish the same ministry objectives of helping people come to know Christ as Lord and Savior, grow in spiritual maturity, and follow Christ in their daily lives.

As churches confront the changing culture around them, they too are changing in their design and ministry efforts. These changes are raising lots of issues for us regarding the development of leaders for this shifting ministry context. What kinds of ministry demands should our students be equipped for? What knowledge and skills will they need to give leadership in a changing ministry setting? What anchors them when so much else around them is up for grabs and easily discarded? How do we partner with churches to raise up and equip the leaders needed for effective Kingdom ministry?

This year’s NAPCE conference provides us an opportunity to address these kinds of questions. When we gather together in Rochester, Minnesota, we will have many opportunities to consider both the educational ministry leadership needs of the church and how we can best go about equipping them in our educational programs. Here are a few highlights of what’s coming:

Keynote Speakers: **Leith Anderson**, Senior Pastor of Wooddale Church since 1977, has given leadership to a growing and changing ministry, and he has

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been an astute observer of church life and ministry. His ministry experience and reflections on what he has seen in other ministries equips him well to address us in sessions on the development of leaders for the church and the challenge of leading in times of change and transition. **Dr. Gary McIntosh**, Professor of Christian Ministry and Leadership at Talbot School of Theology, has been researching and writing on the church for over twenty years. His recent books on generational differences and changing ministry models and leadership issues equips him to help us look at educational leadership needs of the church in its changing context. Both presenters will also participate in a dialog session with us as we reflect on what we have heard in relation to our own work of equipping students for leadership in the church.

#### **Theme-Related and Professional Development Seminars:**

Gary Bredfeldt and Steve Kang have been working on both the theme-related and professional development seminars. While the full schedule has not yet been set, there are a number of seminars already lined up that will be a rich smorgasbord for us to select from. Here are some of the sessions being planned:

*“Team Ministry: Churches in Transition”* with Larry Purcell

*“Growth Factors: What Draws People to Growing Churches?”* with Gary McIntosh and Michael Anthony

*“Great Leader, Great Teacher: Teaching as a Method of Leadership”* with Gary Bredfeldt

*“Post-Francis Schaeffer: What’s Happening with L’Abri in 2005?”* with Larry Snyder and Dennis Fleddeerjohann

*“Thinking Theologically About the Church”* with Arnie Hustad

*“Transformational Seminaries for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Possibilities and Challenges”* with John Cionca

*“Assisting Churches with the Preparation of*

*Emerging Leaders”* with Rick Thoman

*“Lessons on Transforming Leadership”* with Harold Weins

*“Developing an Evangelical Theology of Non-Profit Management”* with James Estep and Michael Anthony

*“Writing and Reviewing for Journal Publication”* with Kevin Lawson and Norma Hedin.

More sessions are on the way. We are purposefully drawing in ministry leaders and Christian professionals from the Minnesota region to share with us from their experiences what can help us in equipping our students.

#### **Current Research Seminars:**

Jonathan Kim is heading up the review of current research proposals. We have several proposals already in, but there is room for more. If you have a research project you have been working that you want to share with your colleagues at NAPCE, please contact him to submit a proposal ([jonathan.kim@biola.edu](mailto:jonathan.kim@biola.edu)). This is a great opportunity to share your work and interact with others with shared interests.

**Networking Opportunities:** This year we have made some changes in the schedule to promote networking among NAPCE members. First, we have set aside two times in the schedule for “Networking Groups” to gather based on different areas of interest for conversation. We have also cleared the schedule for Friday evening to allow people the opportunity to grab a few colleagues and share dinner and the evening together.

**Mayo Clinic Location:** This world-renowned medical facility is more than a hospital. It is a leader in networking with others to address people’s needs. Having our conference at the Kahler Grand Hotel, across the street from the Mayo Clinic, provides us the opportunity to view their operation and inter-

act with their personnel. As Eileen Starr shared in the last newsletter, they are known for their excellence in innovations in medicine, networking with others, and educational efforts. We will be stimulated to consider our own teaching and ministry efforts and how to strive for excellence as we work with others who share these same commitments and purposes.

This promises to be a great weekend together. Don’t miss out on this rich opportunity. For full details on the conference, go to the NAPCE website ([napce.org](http://napce.org)) and see what is being planned. You can access a registration form there as well. I’ll look forward to seeing you at the conference in October! ■

## Christian Education Journal’s 25<sup>TH</sup> Anniversary

The *Christian Education Journal* began with the fall 1980 issue. This coming fall issue marks our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are celebrating this milestone in three ways. First, the Fall 2005 issue will have a special 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary articles and notes section, providing perspective on the last 25 years in the field of Christian education, and on the journal. Second, we will be sponsoring the opening reception at the NAPCE conference in Rochester, Minnesota, October 20-22, 2005. This will be a time of celebration together. Finally, we are working on a CD-rom collection of the first 25 years of the journal that we hope to have available for sale at the conference. This will be a valuable resource for our teaching and research. If you have not visited our website recently, check it out and see what we have available that may be of interest to you: [www.biola.edu/cej](http://www.biola.edu/cej) ■

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# VISITING ROCHESTER IN THE FALL

**B**y now I hope you have marked your calendar and are planning to be with us in Rochester, Minnesota this October 20-22. In my 16 years with NAPCE one of the highlights has been the annual conference and the opportunity to meet with friends and associates who share similar passions and concerns. One of the stated purposes of NAPCE is:

*To provide opportunities for fellowship, dialogue and encouragement for professors of Christian education and related disciplines.*

I am particularly interested in everyone experiencing this kind of interaction at Rochester this year. Even though our personal expectations and understanding of fellowship and encouragement may differ, I trust God will richly bless each person's attendance at the conference.

With this in mind I would like to highlight some of the benefits of our conference location this year. The atmosphere in the hotel and immediate vicinity facilitates meeting with colleagues. There are plenty of places to talk and walk! Our visit to Rochester offers a wonderful opportunity to see and visit the Mayo Clinic. A variety of little restaurants and coffee shops are close and easily accessible. Even if the weather is bad, underground walking paths offer connections to local shops and malls allowing even more uninterrupted time with colleagues.

Take it from a Canadian; I want to commend to you the many benefits of Rochester believing we will have a wonderful time there. ■

*Elaine Becker  
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## DENNIS WILLIAMS RETIRES, BUT NOT FROM NAPCE

**C**ongratulations to Dr. Dennis Williams on his retirement from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary July, 2005. The School has appointed him Distinguished Senior Professor of Leadership and Church Ministry. Dennis has served at Southern for 11 years and Denver Seminary for 23 years. He has been part of NAPCE since 1972. Dennis served as president of NAPCE during the years 1974-76 and 1984-86. He is the current Executive Administrator for NAPCE and will continue in that role. NAPCE thanks Dennis for many years of faithful service to the church and to the institutions serving the church. Dennis has served as a Seminary professor and administrator. He has served in churches as a teacher, workshop leader, and Director of Christian Education. For many years he was a leader in training and equipping lay volunteers through the Mountain Area Sunday School Association. He has also written numerous articles and a book in the field of Christian Education.

If you have someone retiring from your school, let us know and we will honor them at the fall conference. ■

*Dr. Eileen Starr  
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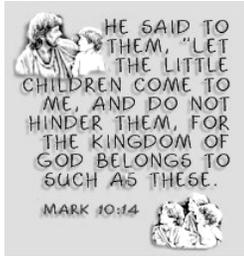
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## CALL FOR PAPERS

**CHILDREN'S SPIRITUALITY  
CONFERENCE:  
CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES  
July 4-7, 2006**

[www.childspirituality.org](http://www.childspirituality.org)

In June 2003, the inaugural conference was held, with over 300 in attendance. The second *Children's Spirituality Conference: Christian Perspectives* will be held on the campus of Concordia University, River Forest, Illinois (Chicago area) on June 4-7, 2006. Papers may reflect qualitative, quantitative, historical, or theological research related to any of these topics:

**Biblical/Historical:** Theological perspectives and traditions, Biblical perspectives, Historical perspectives, Denominational distinctives

**Research and theory:** Definitions and theory regarding children's spirituality, Research models and methods, Current research, Psychological perspectives and problems related to spirituality

**Ministry models:** Churches, Parachurch organizations, Church schools, Parent education, Family education, Ministry by children

**Social contexts and dynamics:** Empowering the poor, Class inversion (leadership by the economically disadvantaged), Urban ministries, Missions/cross-cultural ministry, Ethnic distinctives/multicultural ministries, Children in crisis (abuse, neglect, relief agencies)

**Pedagogy:** Curriculum/resource trends (using, choosing), Vocational training, Courses in higher education, Evaluating methods of teaching/facilitating spirituality, Experiential processes in spiritual formation, Religious imagination (storytelling, visual arts, music, drama), Liturgy and worship

Time given to presentations is 45 minutes, with 15 minutes of discussion immediately following the presentation. A five-page summary of each presentation will be distributed to all conference participants, either online or in printed form, and full presentations may be considered for publication in a book subsequent to the conference. Proposals for conference presentations can be submitted using a form located on the conference web page. Additional details about the conference and contact information is also located on that web page.

**Deadlines:** February 1, 2006—one page abstract; April 15, 2006—five-page summary for accepted proposals.

**Registering for the Conference:** Go to the conference website: [www.childspirituality.org](http://www.childspirituality.org) ■

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATORS OF THE 20<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY UPDATE

For the last four years, a number of NAPCE members have been involved in developing entries for the "Christian Educators of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century" web-based database project, funded by the Lilly Endowment. This coming year is the final year of this project, and the progress to date has been encouraging. Of 175 entries in the project, 171 have been assigned to authors, and 77 have been completed and submitted. All of the 114 Protestant entries are assigned, and most of these have been completed. Everyone who is still working on their entries is planning to get them done this coming year. Hopefully by October 2006 we will have almost all of them completed and posted on the website.

This project includes about 34 evangelical, 80 mainline Protestant, 53 Catholic, 8 Orthodox Christian education leaders and provides biographies, essays on their contributions to the field of Christian education, exhaustive bibliographies, excerpts of their works, and recommended reading lists. It is a great resource for you and your students. Check us out as the database grows at our new, simpler, website address: [ce20.org](http://ce20.org)

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(Until their recent death, Dr. Warren Benson, from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School, and D. Campbell Wyckoff, emeritus professor, Princeton Seminary also served.) ■