



2007 FALL NEWSLETTER

The Convention Planning Committee is finalizing plans for the 2007 CEA Convention which will be held October 18 and 19 at the Century Center and South Bend Marriott in South Bend, Indiana. We hope this convention will provide professional stimulation and challenge each one of you!

➤ **Theme:** *Celebrate the Story*

➤ **Thursday**

- **Keynote Speaker:** *Tony Campolo*
- **Mass Meeting begins at 9:00 a.m.**
- **Featured Lecture:** *David Smith*
- **Focus Sectional (K-8):** *Gary Schmidt*
- **Focus Sectional (6-12):** *James Schaap*

➤ **Friday**

- **Devotional Leader:** *Nancy Knol*
- **Mass Meeting begins at 9:15 a.m.**
- **2 Part - Featured Lecture:** *Rachid Hmami*

The mission of the CEA is to inspire and support Christian educators and encourage community by providing opportunities for spiritual and professional growth based on God's Word.

On Thursday there will be **no lunch break** in the schedule. Please plan your own lunch according to the sectionals you wish to attend. There will be snacks and sandwiches available in the Century Center, South Bend Marriott, and area restaurants. A list of additional eating places close to the Century Center will be available at Convention Headquarters.

In respect to speakers and fellow teachers, the Planning Committee requests that those in attendance at meetings not leave until the chairperson indicates the close of the session. The last sectional time slot on Friday will be from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. **PLEASE DO NOT INSULT THE GUEST SPEAKERS BY POOR ATTENDANCE AT THE LAST SECTIONAL.**

Children and infants may not attend any CEA sectional or mass meetings. We ask for your cooperation in this area so someone from the Planning Committee will not be forced to ask you to leave. Contact your hotel for babysitting services or make other arrangements for your children if you choose to take them along to the convention.

Visitor's Guides and information will be available at Convention Headquarters.

Remember that **retired Christian school teachers** and administrators may attend the convention free of the normal registration charges. Contact the Executive Secretary, Brenda VanderPloeg, for details.

Spouse passes may be obtained at Convention Headquarters for \$5 and guest passes for educators who are not CEA members are \$35. If you forget your program booklet, additional booklets will be available at Convention Headquarters for a \$1 fee (to cover printing costs).

CEA dues for this year will be \$75 per member. These dues cover your convention registration, a subscription to the Christian Educators Journal, and committee expenses. Your delegate will be collecting dues in September.

An instrumental ensemble will be formed to assist at the Mass Meetings on Thursday and Friday. This year the ensemble will once again be directed by Pat Root from Holland Christian High School. If you are interested, please bring your instrument and a music stand and plan on participating. If you have questions, feel free to contact Pat at Holland Christian High School – 616-820-2905.

A hotel reservation form was sent to you in the spring and you have hopefully already made your hotel/motel arrangements directly with the hotel/motel. Another copy is attached.

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The **exhibits** will be in Convention Hall C on the Street Level of the Century Center. Our Chairperson of Exhibits is Jerry Mastenbrook (Kalamazoo Christian Middle School). He has worked very hard at obtaining vendors to come to our convention. Please be sure to visit the exhibits and order materials right at the convention whenever possible. Even when placing an order later in the year, be sure to mention the convention exhibit. Since the exhibits are an important source of CEA income, we urge your cooperation.

Two name badges will be sent to each teacher this year for use at the convention.

There will be various **sectionals offered this year for which you must pre-register**. Please see details and more information later in this Newsletter.

2008 CEA Convention will be held on October 23 and 24 at the Century Center and South Bend Marriott.

Commemorative Edition Posters of the Theme Banner by artist Jim Kamphuis (Illiana CHS) and his students will be available for purchase at Convention Headquarters for a \$2.00 Fee. Be sure to pick one up for your room and one to give away.

CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS will be located on the Street Level of the Century Center. *This is very important for you to remember if you are a sectional chairperson or need to buy additional passes to the convention.*

Cracker Barrel sectionals have been renamed **Loaves and Fishes Sectionals**. We look forward, just like the little boy who offered his lunch to Jesus, to coming with a small amount and leaving with a blessed large amount.

Convention 2007 will feature new sectionals – **Focus Sectionals** – where we can be inspired and learn new ways of integrating our faith into the curriculum.

Celebration Sectionals will be offered in conjunction with our theme of “*Celebrate the Story*.” Each time slot will offer a sectional where we can celebrate together the ways God walks among us.

For the first time we will host our very own **CEA Book Club**. Read [The Things They Carried](#) by Tim O’Brien and come to book club on Friday.

The beautiful **CEA Banners** of past years have been made available to display at your school. See headquarters for details.

As of April, 2006 South Bend will now participate in Daylight Savings Time. South Bend is now in the **the Eastern** time zone, rather than the Eastern Standard Time Zone. That means that South Bend is now on “Michigan Time.”

The **Professional Standards Committee** will again be available on call at the convention to hear concerns or receive ideas from teachers and as a resource for CEA members. If you have any questions or suggestions for the PSC, feel free to give the Executive Secretary (letterhead of Newsletter) and she will relay your message to the PSC prior to the convention.

Loaves and Fishes will once again be offered this year. *Come ready to share* in your subject area. See the attached “Sectionals at a Glance” sheet for the times and days. The LFs on the schedule this year are:

- **PreSchool Teachers** (*Please bring along 2 activities which will promote the spiritual, social, physical (fine & gross), intellectual, and language development of God’s children.*)
- **Learning Comes Alive for 3rd grade** (*Share an idea that has worked in your classroom.*)
- **Fourth Grade Teachers** (*Please type up 1-2 of your favorite ideas in the subject of your choice and bring 30 copies to hand out.*)
- **Elementary Art Educators** (*Please bring lessons and/or methods you use to incorporate Art History into your curriculum.*)
- **Elementary Administrators** (*Please bring ideas to share about successes and struggles of serving as an elementary administrator.*)
- **HS Administrators** (*Please bring 15-20 copies of students handbooks.*)
- **Celebrating the Story Through Middle School Worship**
- **Family + Consumer Science**
- **HS Foreign Language** (*If you plan to share ideas or strategies, please bring copies to distribute.*)
- **Applied Technology**
- **HS Library/Media/Technology** (*please email items for discussion to Judd Rinsema at rinsemaj@timothychristian.com*)
- **Directing and Theater Teachers** (*Please bring names and information about great scripts, easy techie info, costume hookups, conversation starter questions or anything to make all our jobs easier.*)
- **HS Art Teachers** (*Please come with ideas of how we can better celebrate the efforts of our student’s work.*)
- **HS Chapel Coordinators** (*Please share ideas*)

More detailed information regarding each Loaves and Fishes will be found in the program booklets when you receive them shortly before the convention.

NEW CEA EMAIL ADDRESS: Please update your records and send all electronic correspondence to the new CEA email address - cea@ceateachers.org

Elections for new officers will be held at your school sometime before the convention. Your CEA delegate will be in charge of the procedure. The candidates are as follows:

Vice President Elect (vote for 1)

George Guichelaar: M.A.T. – Calvin College

George is Assistant Principal at South Chr. High School in Grand Rapids, Michigan where he has been for 13 years. He previously taught at Toronto District Chr. High and has served on 2 committees of the Ontario Alliance of Chr. Schools. George has served as a deacon and taught catechism in his church. He enjoys running and has participated in local races.

Bill Haagsma: M.A. – Grand Valley State University

Bill is a fifth grade teacher at Calvin Christian Elementary in Wyoming, Michigan where he has been for 19 years. He is a past member of ASCD and the MACUL and currently is a member of the MRA. His roles at Calvary CRC have included that of a choir member, a Sunday School teacher and an elder.

Karen Ophoff: M.A. – University of Michigan

Karen has been a teacher and an administrator at Hudsonville Chr. School for 19 years. A past and present member of CEA and ASCD, she was also a member and recording secretary for the Eastern Ottawa Schools Curriculum Council for 13 years. She has been a member of Hillcrest CRC for 34 years.

Vice Secretary Elect (vote for 1)

Joyce Groen: M.A. – Purdue University

Joyce has been at Highland Chr. School for 8 years where she teaches 6th grade literature, 7th grade geography and 8th grade literature. She is a Certified Mentor Teacher in IN as well as a member of the National Geographic and Indiana Historical Societies. Joyce serves at her church and has volunteered for CRWRC in New Orleans.

Sue Scholten: M.A. – Western Michigan University

Sue taught at Bradenton Chr. in FL for 3 years and now teaches 3rd grade at Calvin Christian where she has been for the past 18 years. She has served on various CCSA boards, and regularly attends Kent Reading Council and CEA. In the past she has served her church through Women's Bible Studies, Conferences and other committees. She currently has become very involved with an African Refugee family.

Kevin Witte: B.A. – Calvin College

Kevin has been at Kalamazoo Chr. Middle School for 5 years and currently teaches eighth graders the subject of Bible and social studies and serves in the Academic Support Dept. Kevin has been a member of the CEA for the past five years. He serves as a youth leader along with his wife at their church, as a worship leader and as a part of the experiential worship team.

Vice Treasurer (vote for 1)

Lynn Hekman: M.A.T - LD – Calvin College

Lynn taught at Sheboygan Chr. School for 11 years and for the past 19 years has been a Resource Room teacher at Hudsonville Chr. School. In the past she was membership chair and treasurer for MALDE and served on the Committee for Professional Development for the State of MI. Lynn participates at Calvary CRC on the prayer team, in choir and with VBS.

Patricia Scheeringa: M.A. – Purdue University

Patricia teaches second grade at Highland Christian School in Highland, Indiana and has been there for 10 years. She has been on the CSI Wage and Compensation Committee, the School Improvement Committee, and is a Certified Mentoring Teacher for the state of IN. Patricia had held various teaching positions at 1st CRC Church in Highland, IN.

Marc VerKaik: M.A. – University of Colorado at Denver

Marc was at Denver Chr. School for 8 years and now is Principal of Kalamazoo Chr. West Elementary. He has been a member of ASCD and NAESP and KANS (Kalamazoo Area Non-Public Schools) Marc has served as a deacon, young life leader, Sunday school teacher, small group leader and at Bible Study Fellowship.

SECTIONAL PRE-REGISTRATION (Page 1)

1. Wooly Works: Planning an Exploratory Unit About Sheep and Wool by Margaret Jager
Thursday – 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (General)

People have used wool since ancient times to provide shelter and clothing for themselves. Teachers often teach units – Colonial life, pioneer life, etc. – in which an exploratory unit using wool is educational and exciting for both students and teachers. It is not hard to find information about sheep or wool, but it is sometimes difficult to actually play with the wool fibers themselves. In this hands-on workshop we will wash, dye, card, spin, and felt wool. Participants will leave with instructions and samples for developing their own units. There is a limit of 20 people for this sectional. Please assume you are registered for this sectional unless you are notified otherwise.

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2. An Introduction to Using Silk and Silkworms in the Classroom by Margaret Jager
Thursday – 1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. (General)

Students often study the history of silk, or they are exposed to textiles made from silk. This sectional will explore teachers to the many ways they can show their students the wonders of working with silk fibers. Participants will clean silk cocoons, dye silk, spin silk, and silk fusion. They will also be given information for growing their own crops of silkworms in the spring. This sectional will be hands-on. There is a limit of 20 people for this sectional. Please assume you are registered for this sectional unless you are notified otherwise.

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3. Graphical Organizers in the Classroom – Inspiration, Inspiredata, and Kidspiration by Kristyn Kamps
Thursday, 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m. (General)

Learn to visually organize and analyze information using Inspiration, Inspiredata, and Kidspiration. Laptops will be provided for each participant. There is a limit of 25 people for this sectional. Please assume you are registered for this sectional unless you are notified otherwise.

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4. RSS, Blogs, and Wikis, Oh My! by Dan Vos
Thursday – 1:45 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. (General)

The web opens up a tremendous amount of information. How do you manage it all? Learn how in a hands on laptop lab about RSS and how you can harness it to help keep up with the ever changing web. Also, learn how to contribute/publish your ideas to the web simply and easily. The programs we will use are Bloglines, Edublogger, Pbwiki, and Google tools. In this hands on session you will leave knowing what these are, how to set them up and ideas of how to use them in your classroom. All of these programs are free, don't require installation and work on both Mac and Windows. There is a limit of 25 people for this sectional. Please assume you are registered for this sectional unless you are notified otherwise.

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5. Cell Phones and Wireless Communications: A Sample of Activities for Physics Teachers by Carlton Rink
Thursday, 1:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. (9-12)

This will be a hand on workshop in which participants will explore laboratory activities that can be used in the physics classroom to help students understand wireless communications. There is a limit of 24 people for this sectional. Please assume you are registered for this sectional unless you are notified otherwise.

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CEA 2007 CONVENTION HOUSING INFORMATION

To: ALL CEA MEMBERS

From: Brenda VanderPloeg (CEA Executive Secretary)
Phone: 616-669-3497 email: cea@ceateachers.org

Date: MAY, 2007

Re: CEA 2007 CONVENTION HOUSING/LODGING

This important housing/lodging information is being sent to you in preparation for our fall 2007 CEA Convention which will be held in South Bend, Indiana on October 18 and 19. (More convention information and a request for dues will be sent to you in the fall.) We will NOT be using the South Bend Housing Bureau once again this year. **EACH CEA MEMBER WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING HIS/HER OWN HOUSING/LODGING RESERVATIONS.**

- *You must tell the hotels that you are with CEA to receive these rates.*
- Remember to reserve the correct dates. The actual CEA Convention is Thursday and Friday, October 18 and 19, 2007. You will most likely need lodging for Wednesday, October 17 and/or Thursday, October 18.
- You will need a credit card number to make a reservation.
- You will be dealing directly with the hotel/motel for ALL arrangements and will receive a confirmation directly from that hotel/motel.
- Hotel/motel names, rates, etc. are listed below.
- Due to circumstances beyond our control, there are no rooms available at the South Bend Marriott for Wednesday, October 17, 2007.

South Bend Marriott Hotel ➤ 123 North St. Joseph Street, South Bend, IN 46601 (connected to the Century Center with a skywalk) PH: 574-234-2000 Single or Double = \$99.00 Triple = \$99.00 Quad = \$99.00
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Holiday Inn Downtown ➤ 213 W Washington Street, South Bend, IN 46601 (2 blocks from the Century Center) PH: 574-232-3941 Single or Double = \$99.00 Triple = \$99.00 Quad = \$99.00

Hampton Inn & Suites ➤ 52709 US 31 North, South Bend, IN 46637 PH: 574-277-9373 Single or Double = \$92.00 Triple = \$92.00 Quad = \$92.00

Quality Inn University ➤ 515 Dixieway North, South Bend, IN 46637 PH: 574-272-6600 Single or Double = \$74.95 Triple = \$74.95 Quad = \$74.95
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