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# Newsletter

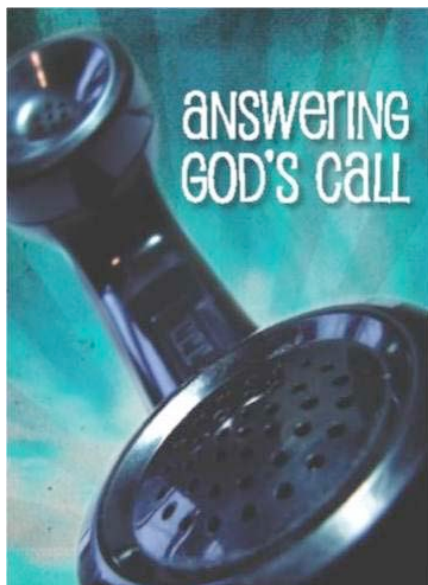
## LTA Conference 2013

**Answering His Call** is the theme of the upcoming LTA Conference at Cloverdale Christian School in Surrey, BC this August 19-22.

The staff has been hard at work organizing a fun, educational and inspirational conference. We are looking forward to hearing from our keynote speaker Mr. Robert Cooksey. There are already 18 different people organized to lead 20 different workshops.

Don't worry, it won't be all work. We even have some time scheduled for relaxation at the beach, shopping or walks in the park. Stay tuned for the link to the website.

Submitted by Lorilee Schelp at Cloverdale Christian School, Surrey  
BC



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Prince of Peace's Kindergarten teacher, Wayne Miller, was a featured 'table topic presenter' at the recent Leader in Me Symposium held in Edmonton on April 30 – May 2. The Symposium was an opportunity for all Leader in Me schools in Alberta to come together to listen to four outstanding keynote speakers and attend some great workshops. A highlight Wayne commented on was the master of ceremonies; a grade 6 boy with autism who talked about what the Leader in Me program has meant to him and how it has helped him in his life.

The Leader in Me program started in 1999 at A.B. Combs Elementary School in Raleigh, North Carolina. Leader in Me schools started to spring up in the USA and has since become a world-wide program having 1200 schools internationally; 115 of these schools are in Alberta.

Attendees of the Symposium were able to visit some of the Leader in Me Lighthouse Schools in the Edmonton area and see firsthand how students showcase their leadership skills. The visits were amazingly well organized and certainly showcased the benefits of crafting leadership skills in children all the way through their education.

Prince of Peace has been a Leader in Me school since 2010 and the students have learned what it means to be a leader in their school and community and how the 7 Habits are used to achieve their goals. Wayne took it upon himself to write songs for each of the habits. The songs were written so that children of a wide range of ages could sing and enjoy the songs. Actions were developed to further aid in learning and remembering the songs (and the 7 Habits leadership skills!) These action songs were made in both audio and video versions, with an additional song (Habit Forming) that teaches how all of these habits have their origin and foundation in Jesus Christ. Powerpoint slides and print resources (lead sheets, lyric sheets, and Bible references) were also developed. Wayne presented his songs and videos to over 300 educators and received great accolades for his work, with many wanting to use them as a resource in their schools.

Wayne is currently in the process of discussing with FranklinCovey to get this fantastic resource in the hands of hundreds, dare I say thousands, of educators across the globe. We at Prince of Peace are very proud of Wayne and thank God for his wonderful talents.

Submitted by Darryl Zimmer, Prince of Peace Lutheran School, Calgary, AB

## Technology Working in my Classroom

Grade 8 Science students were taught how to make a wet mount slide. They were then given the opportunity to make their own wet mount slide using onion epidermal cells. They used digital microscopes with a small LCD screen to do this. Once they were happy with their slide, they took a snapshot by pushing a button on the LCD portion of the microscope. Students then transferred this picture to their laptop computer, and uploaded it to the assignment that had been created on Edmodo for this activity. I was then able to grade each slide, and the mark was automatically transferred to my Edmodo Gradebook. A couple of students were fortunate enough to be able to see the cytoplasm streaming on their slide. They were then encouraged to use the video feature on the microscope to make a short video clip of this, which they sent me on Edmodo. I am now able to show these videos to the rest of the class so all the students can see this phenomenon.

It was so exciting to teach in this way, as I was able to interact fully with the students, and enjoy their excitement alongside them. I did not need to be concerned with making sure I entered grades at that moment. Marking was so quick and easy, and the marks were automatically entered. It was hands on, and fun for the students, and they related well to it, as they were using tools that they are comfortable with and excited to use. Of course, I was also thinking how far education tools have progressed, and how fun it is to teach with these new tools, and just being amazed at the whole process, even while I was marking.

Submitted by Jennifer Hetherington, Hope Lutheran Christian School, Port Coquitlam, BC.



## Jump Rope for Heart



If you come to St. Matthew Lutheran School in the month of April, you will see a multitude of activities from kindergarten to grade 9. One of the more service oriented projects that we do in St. Matthew is JUMP ROPE FOR HEART. Mrs. Baron (gr.4) organizes this event by sending pledge sheets home with grade 4-6 students to collect money for research into heart disease. Students then bring these pledges back to school, mid-month, and then we (gr. 4-6) have an afternoon of skipping fun!

We start by placing the students into mixed grade groups of five or six, and the groups try to do the challenges located at their station. After three minutes of trying to complete a variety of skipping challenges, the skipping group moves on to the next challenge, six stations in all. We look for the group with the best cooperation and reward them with a small prize.



We then have elimination events, such as, skipping on your left leg only, and then we let the last 2 or 3 kids still skipping (on one leg) select a prize. We then move on to the next elimination event which may be something like "pepper" and again, one by one, skippers are eliminated until we have the last two or three skippers who then get to select a prize. This continues until all have gotten a prize.

We culminate our afternoon of skipping with a skill/ endurance event, "running while skipping." Students skip around the gym until there is a final "runner/skipper" from each grade.



Have you done any skipping lately? If you're looking for a workout, you need to look no further than a skipping rope!!

We finished our JUMP ROPE FOR HEART with a prayer and a thankful reminder that the great Physician works continually in our hearts so we can run the race set out before us in a way that brings glory to God. Oh, and by the way, don't skip your spiritual workouts!

Submitted by Gary Skoye, St. Matthew Lutheran School,  
Stony Plain, AB

## Recognizing Excellence in Lutheran Education

Do you know a Lutheran educator who always goes the extra mile? Now is your chance to celebrate his/her service to Lutheran schools. The Lutheran Teacher's Association executive is calling for nominations for the Excellence in Lutheran Education Award. This award will highlight the service of a Lutheran educator based on the following criteria:

- Strong commitment to serving the Lord
- Active in local community as well as Lutheran community
- Commitment to excellence and meeting the social, emotional, spiritual, and cognitive needs of children and families
- Equipped and willing to profess and teach Christian faith from a Lutheran perspective; desirable: Synodically trained, colloquized, or active participant in colloquy program
- Four (4) or more years experience in a Lutheran school
- Demonstrates effective educational skills
- Administrator or teacher in a Canadian Lutheran school or preschool
- Member of the LTA, and member of other professional associations

Letters describing how the nominee meets the criteria for the Excellence in Lutheran Education Award should be sent to LTA President, Susan Eisner either by email: [seisner@hopelcs.ca](mailto:seisner@hopelcs.ca) or by regular mail: c/o Hope Lutheran Christian School 3151 York St., Port Coquitlam, BC, V3B 4A7

**Nominations must be received by June 15, 2013**

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## LTA EXECUTIVE ELECTIONS

The positions of LTA SECRETARY and VICE PRESIDENT are open for nominations this year! At the AGM, during the LTA Conference, an election will be held for both of these 3 year term positions on the executive. Detailed job descriptions are available.

Please prayerfully consider letting your name stand or asking a colleague to let his or her name stand. For more information or to forward nominations with contact information please email the LTA president, Susan Eisner, at [seisner@hopelcs.ca](mailto:seisner@hopelcs.ca).



## LTA FEES

There has been some confusion about our LTA fees. The LTA collects both individual fees and school fees.

**Individual fees** (\$40) are paid by each member prior to the AGM meeting at our LTA conference. As conference dates fluctuate so do the due dates. Monies can still be collected afterwards and receipts mailed out.

**School fees** are paid by schools for a rate per student and are due October 31 each year. Both these fees help to support our LTA conferences, enable us to offer grants, and cover executive/business expenses.

If you have any questions please contact the LTA Treasurer - Jennifer Watson at [jwatson@hopelcs.ca](mailto:jwatson@hopelcs.ca).

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## Rise and Shine

### LEA Convocation 2013

October 24-26, 2013  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

If you are involved in a ministry of Lutheran education and want to grow spiritually, professionally, and personally, this Convocation is for you. Participants will include teachers, administrators, pastors, DCEs, DCOs, deaconesses, church work students, and others in related ministries and vocations. Everyone is welcome!

#### Rise & Shine will:

- **Improve** your ministry from the insights and information gained in more than 190 sectional presentations and workshops.
- **Inspire** you toward continued commitment to your role in Lutheran education as you worship and fellowship with colleagues.
- **Energize** you to return home professionally refreshed from keynotes, reunions with old friends, and just plain fun in Milwaukee.

For more information: [www.leaconvocation.org](http://www.leaconvocation.org)



### **Greetings to the Lutheran Teachers' Association convention**

Best wishes to all attendees at the Lutheran Teachers' Association convention this summer! We look forward to being present. Watch for the CLWR display!

### **Visit the Holy Land with CLWR**

CLWR will be hosting a Global Encounter to Palestine and Israel, from February 19 - March 3, 2014.

The encounter will provide an opportunity for participants to meet with CLWR project partners in Palestine and experience some of the religious heritage sights and rich culture of the region. We will see the quality care provided by the Augusta Victoria Hospital in East Jerusalem, as well as the training offered to students at the Lutheran World Federation's Vocational Training program in Beit Hanina and Ramallah. We will also engage with the Dar Al-Kalima high school and college in Bethlehem and see the results of CLWR support.

There will be opportunities to spend time in the old city of Jerusalem and participate in a religious pilgrimage to other parts of the West Bank.

Come and join us for what will be a rich experience that will make a permanent impression on all who participate! The cost is estimated to be no more than \$6000, which covers meals, transportation and accommodation. The final budget and itinerary is pending. Please register by June 30, 2013 by contacting Tom Brook, CLWR Community Relations Director, at [tbrook@clwr.mb.ca](mailto:tbrook@clwr.mb.ca). A deposit of \$1000 is required.

### **CLWR head office address change**

Please note that effective May 1, 2013, CLWR's head office address will change to Canadian Lutheran World Relief, 600-177 Lombard Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3B 0W5. Telephone and fax numbers, emails and our website remain the same.

CLWR's Winnipeg warehouse (549 King Edward Street, Winnipeg, MB R3H 0N9), and our Western and Eastern offices in Vancouver and Waterloo, have not changed. We Care kits and quilts should still be shipped to the 549 King Edward Street address.

## A pair of goats: a gift that keeps giving

On a very hot and sunny day this past October, I was welcomed to the village of Bombwe in rural Zambia along with my colleague Enock Oduro. CLWR has provided support to people here, and we were visiting to see some of the work in person.

This was my first time visiting Zambia, and it was especially interesting to see how “Gifts from the Heart” make a difference to the people who receive them. The CLWR Gifts from the Heart catalogue contains gifts like livestock and tools that our supporters can symbolically donate to help people in need.

The most popular gift by far is a pair of goats, which provide milk, meat, manure (for garden fertilizer) and a source of income for their recipients. I was looking forward to meeting some “CLWR goats” and their owners.

I wasn’t disappointed. We met Mbiri Banda, who received two goats in 2009. Mbiri lives in Bombwe with nine of his family members in a small brick house. He was chosen by his village to receive goats after he hurt his leg. His injury makes it difficult for him to get around without crutches.

Mbiri’s two goats have grown to nine (one male and eight female), and some of them are pregnant. As a goat recipient Mbiri is required to give kids to other families, so that others can benefit from the food and income goats bring. He did this last year, meaning that he has now assumed ownership of his herd.

I was glad to have met Mbiri, and to see how the gift of a pair of goats has made a difference in his life!

Submitted by Jennifer Clark, CLWR Program Assistant-Community Relations

*A pair of goats is always available for purchase in our Gifts from the Heart catalogue. Give online at [clwr.donorshops.com/product/23BC37E/pairofgoats.php](http://clwr.donorshops.com/product/23BC37E/pairofgoats.php), or call 1.800.661.2597.*





## Check out the LTA Group on Facebook

Network with teachers throughout Canada, share lesson ideas, ask questions, get advice



## "Listening Ear"

Need a confidential listening ear or sounding board?

Contact our pastoral advisor, Pastor Mark Lobitz. He is a certified specialist in pastoral counseling with professional organizations in Canada and the U.S., and has considerable experience in pastoral counseling.

Pastor Lobitz is also a former Lutheran school teacher. Phone: 403-637-2650 E-Mail: [mjlobitz@gmail.com](mailto:mjlobitz@gmail.com)

Send your newsletter submissions to Leanne Zimmer at [lzimmer07@gmail.com](mailto:lzimmer07@gmail.com)

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