

Seeking God's Kingdom: Hearts and Minds toward God

Mennonite School Services' Teachers Conference 2010

October 8-10, 2010

To be held at Faith Builders Educational Programs

The weekend will be limited to 100 participants. Some on-site lodging will be available, but most attendees will need to lodge away from Faith Builders.

Registration is required for this conference. The registration form is available from the office or on our website. A \$25 registration fee should accompany the registration. In addition to the \$25 registration fee, a freewill offering will be taken to cover conference expenses.

Friday, October 8

6:00-7:00 pm	Arrival, registration, and fellowship with staff and speakers (Chapel)
7:00	Main Session 1: Nonconformed Schools whose Core Practices Nurture Lovers of God: Steven Brubaker (Chapel)
8:30	Snack and fellowship with staff and speakers (Cafeteria)
9:00-11:00	Volleyball (Gym)

Saturday, October 9

7:30-8:30 am	Coffee Bar in Student Lounge: time for relaxed, informal interaction while enjoying hot drinks and delicious pastries
9:00	Main Session 2: Nonconformed Schools whose Core Practices Nurture Lovers of God : Steven Brubaker (Chapel)
10:30	Brunch (Cafeteria)
12:00	Workshop Session #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Capturing the "Wow Factor" in Elementary Science – Anna Zehr Participants in this workshop will experience a discovery-based science class and learn how to use this method to capture the curiosity and imagination of youngsters and prepare them for lifelong learning. Limit of 32 participants.• Open Mind, Insert Book – Esther Bean This workshop offers suggestions of read-aloud books and stories that stretch the thinking and strengthen the beliefs of elementary students. We will consider topics of nonresistance, the persecuted church, and awareness of other cultures.• Home-grown science projects – John Mark Kuhns At its best, science is an interactive subject. This workshop will give practical tips on how to design and execute good science projects using materials that are readily available at home.

- 1:00 Workshop Session #2
- Music in the Elementary Classroom – Crista Bontrager
Teachers will be introduced to constructive methods of teaching and integrating music into the elementary classroom.
 - An Intelligent Approach to Evolution - John Mark Kuhns
When we simply ignore or deride the theory of evolution in our life science courses, we do our students a disservice. This workshop is designed to help science teachers properly prepare students to face challenges presented by a society that is increasingly unfriendly to biblical beliefs about origins.
 - TBA
- 2:00 Main Session 3: Nonconformed Schools whose **Core Practices** Nurture Lovers of God: Steven Brubaker
- 3:30 Informal Interaction
- 5:30 Supper (Cafeteria)
- 7:00-9:30 Recreation
- 9:30 Snack (Cafeteria)

Sunday, October 10

- 8:30-9:30 am Continental Breakfast (Cafeteria)
- 10:00 Worship – Brandon Mullet (Chapel)
- 10:30 Main Session 4: Teachers Who Are Lovers of God – Glendon Strickler (Chapel)
- 12:00 Lunch (Cafeteria)