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## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2002-03

It is time to renew your APRRE membership!! Our membership year runs from July 1 through June 30 each year. Shortly you will be receiving a letter with a renewal notice, a 2002 meeting registration form and a survey on future meetings. A membership form for 2002-03 is now available in two formats on the website. If you choose to use the form from the website you will need to mail it with a check. Passwords to the member-only section of the APRRE website issued for 2001-02 are scheduled to expire on September 1, 2002. These passwords give you access to the membership directory, full-text of all meeting papers since 2001, and syllabus sharing. Remember that membership renewal and meeting registration are two separate items for you to address.

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## 2002 MEETING PROGRAM

### ***Leading with Hope: The Vocation of the Religious Educator***

Sheraton University City Hotel

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

November 1-3, 2002

*Read full program proposal on the APRRE website ([www.mtso.edu/aprre](http://www.mtso.edu/aprre))*

From time to time, it is important for us to reflect critically on our image of ourselves, how we live out and negotiate the challenges of our distinctive vocation in the academy and in the world. We need to consider what we bring to the practices of our vocation and to articulate what we dare hope for in this current age...

- What is our image of ourselves as professors and researchers in religious education?
- What is the nature of the art by which we live and move, teach, lead, and learn in the classroom and among those in other disciplines?
- What of our biographies is infused in who we perceive ourselves to be?
- How do we see our vocation and the tasks connected to it in the present and coming age?
- What dare we hope for ourselves and those we lead/teach in this current age of change, unrest, and terrorism?
- How are we nourished in our vocation?

## REGISTRATION INFORMATION

An on-line version of the annual meeting registration form is now available on the website, although it will still need to be mailed with a check. A hardcopy of the form will accompany your membership renewal form. Brief descriptions of the presentations are included on the website to help you select your top four choices in each time block.

Registration fees in US dollars:

APRRE member	\$115
International member	\$95
Emeritus/Emerita member	\$75
Full-time Student member	\$75
Non-member	\$165

A \$10 later registration fee is added to registrations postmarked after October 10, 2002.

Registration can be cancelled with full refund on or before October 10, 2002. Refunds for cancellations between October 10 and October 25 will have \$40 withheld (a copy of the Proceedings will be mailed via US mail). After October 25, 2002 cancellations will not receive a refund.

## WORKING SCHEDULE

More detail will be added in the next newsletter. Keep checking the website for updates. You are strongly encouraged to make travel arrangements (including ground transit, check-in and security screening) such that you can attend the entire meeting. The meeting ends half an hour earlier on Sunday than last year to minimize early departures.

**PLEASE NOTE EARLY MEETING TIMES** for Lutheran Professors, Student Caucus, Pan Methodists, REA Board, and APRRE Executive Committee

### Thursday October 31, 2002

- 2:00- 9:30 p.m. Lutheran Christian Education Professors meeting
- 2:00- 9:00 p.m. REA Board meeting

### Friday November 1, 2002

- 8:30-12:00 a.m. APRRE Executive Committee
- 9:00-12:30 Lutheran Christian Education Professors meeting
- 10:00-12:30 Pan Methodist Meeting
- 11:00- 2:00 Registration
- 12:00- 1:00 p.m. Doctoral Student Caucus Luncheon
- 1:00- 2:00 Opening Reception  
Opening program, light refreshment, exhibits
- 2:00- 3:30 Plenary: "Leading with Hope I: Identity and Vocation of the Religious Educator"  
Presentation of case study method, dramatization of a case study, roundtable conversations led by Dr. Lucinda Huffaker, and Atlanta Inter-Seminary Religious Education Faculty Dramatists
- 3:45- 5:00 Plenary: "Leading with Hope II: Theological Reflection on the Nature of the Religious Educator's Identity and Vocation"  
Opening dance by Skye Noel Smith and presentations by Eileen Daily, José Irizarry, Reginald Blount, and Wenh-In Ng followed by roundtable conversations
- 5:30 - 6:00 Sabbath Service
- 6:30 Banquet including the video: "Contexts of Hope: The Religious Educator's Identity and Vocation in Motion" with table discussion

Saturday November 2, 2002

7:30	a.m.	Served Breakfast (ticket required) Juice, scrambled eggs, bacon or ham or sausage, hash browns, biscuits
8:15- 9:45		Research Interest Groups and Colloquia
10:00-11:30		Research Interest Groups and Colloquia
11:45- 1:00	p.m.	Men's and Women's Luncheons Religious Education Editorial Board Luncheon
1:00- 2:30		REA Board Meeting
1:15- 2:15		Denominational meetings
2:30- 4:00		Research Interest Groups and Colloquia
4:15- 5:30		Task Forces
5:30- 6:30		REA Annual General Meeting

Sunday November 3, 2002

7:00- 8:00	a.m.	Continental Breakfast
7:30- 8:00		Worship
8:15- 9:30		Research Interest Groups and Colloquia (note shorter session)
9:45-10:45		Presidential Address: "Daring to Lead with Hope," Dr. Anne Streaty Wimberly
11:00-12:00		Business Meeting

**Please remember to schedule your departure time to allow you to stay for the entire business meeting—including the time to get to the airport, check-in and security screening. We will have very important business to conduct!**

**OPENING RECEPTION**

The opening reception will be a time of welcome, celebration of the accomplishments of the year, and honoring the spirits of those who have gone ahead of us—it is a special beginning to the meeting! Light refreshment such as cheeses, crackers, fruit, finger sandwiches, cookies and drinks will be served. Please plan to join us at 1:00!! The reception will be in the same room as exhibits.

**RESEARCH INTEREST GROUPS AND COLLOQUIA**

These sessions will be facilitated by a designated moderator. The moderator will work with the presenters to develop session process, enhance the interaction of papers, and unobtrusively enable discussion in the sessions.

Saturday November 2, 8:15-9:45

1. **Helen Blier**, "Remembering not to forget: Anamnesis and the persistence of vocation" and **Gabriele Klappenecker**, "The significance of Fowler's stage-model of faith development for understanding the person and occupation of the religion teacher"
2. **Gloria Durka** "The teacher's calling" and **Charles Foster** "Where shall we sit?: The vocational dilemma of the religious educator"

3. **Joan Reisinger**, "Feelings of isolation in women ministers and women in ministry: Conversations giving voice to sacred space" and  
**Grace Choi-Kim**, "Congregation as a healing community: A framework for a systemic approach to Christian education for Korean American women"
4. **Patty Meyers & Susan Willhauck**, "Thelma and Louise do religious education: Two educators in dialogue" and  
**Bert Roebben**, "The decision to hope: The praxis of hopeful teaching in the education of religious leaders"
5. **Paulette Isaac & Michael Rowland**, "The religious educator: A motivation (or barrier) to participation in church-based education" and  
Kieran Scott, "Calling all adults: The dilemma of parish religious education"
6. (Colloquium session) **Evelyn Parker**, "Is there a message of Christian hope in hip-hop gospel?" and  
**David Fetterman**, "'One of us'—Connectedness in a parenting grandparent support group"

Saturday November 2, 10:00-11:30

1. **Joyce Bellous**, "Children, faith and social intimacy" and  
**Karen-Marie Yust**, "Theology, educational theory, and children's faith formation"
2. **Gabriel Moran**, "Ultimate intolerance" and  
**Jack Seymour**, "Holding onto hope: Commitments of liberal religious education"
3. **Theresa Latini**, "Spiritual formation for today: Old wine and new wineskins" and  
**Ilse Geerinck**, "Hope for what's new: Creation and Arendts concept of natality"
4. **Jeff Brockman**, "Practical Christian education: From orthodoxy to orthopraxy" and  
**Dent Davis**, "Enlarging the classroom: A case study of the changing role of the religious educator"
5. **W. Alan Smith**, "Dancers exult at the awakening" and  
**Rita Guare** "Leading with hope: Excursions through the arts"
6. **Paul Beckingham**, "The spirituality of recovery and the recovery of spirituality" and  
**Trace Haythorn**, "Different bodies, one body: Inclusive religious education and the role of the religious educator"

Saturday November 2, 2:30- 4:00

1. **Sara Wenger Shenk**, "Anabaptist ways of knowing" and  
**Douglas James**, "Theological faculty as religious educators: How personal beliefs about teaching, learning and spiritual growth inform teaching practices"
2. **Siebren Miedema & Gert Biesta**, "Jacques Derrida's religion with/out religion and the im/possibility of religious education" and  
**Harold Horell**, "A reason for our hope: Three paradigms for religious education in a postmodern age"

3. **Roseanne McDougall**, “Sankofa: The vocation of a religious educator in West Africa” and **Lawanda Smith** “Leading with hope: Religious education through teaching story”
4. **John Elias**, “Ironies in the vocation of a religious educator” and **Peter Gilmour**, “The role of vocation in conflictual religious education settings”
5. **Boyung Lee**, “A Confucian perspective on hope” and **Elizabeth Box Price**, “Christian nurture and the new cosmology”
6. **Katherine Turpin**, “Must they go sadly away?: Consumer culture and adolescent vocational imagination” and **Julie Lytle**, “Obsolete or essential: Religious educators in an interactive age”

Sunday November 3, 8:15- 9:30 [note shorter session]

1. **Carol Lakey Hess**, “When Narcissus teaches” and **Lynne Westfield**, “Students and teachers as thinking partners in the dialogue of learning”
2. **Fayette Veverka**, “Practicing faith: Negotiating identity and difference in a religiously pluralistic world” and **Brett Webb-Mitchell**, “Martha Stewart, Emeril, and the naked chef: Cooking, dining, and religious education”
3. **Sookyung Hwang**, “Living the truth: Constructing a road to peace and harmony” and **Mark King**, “The possibilities of making Zen Buddhism a case study for an interreligious teaching”
4. **José Irizarry**, “The Christian religious educator as a cultural ‘spec-actor:’ Researching self in intercultural pedagogy” and **Michael Warren**, “Spirituality and wealth: The burdens of silence”
5. **Rebecca Buchanan**, “Unveiling Angela Merici: A pre-modern narrative for a post-modern world” and **Lorna Bowman**, “Women’s higher education as a way of doing religious education”
6. (Colloquium session) **Kathy Dawson**, “Dietrich Bonhoeffer and Howard Gardner in the educational context of a local congregation” and **Bruce Roberts & Bob Reber** “Nurturing vocation and leadership through peer group learning”

## **DOCTORAL STUDENT LUNCHEON**

The Wabash Center for Teaching and Learning in Theology and Religion cordially invites APRRE student members to gather for conversation with faculty about teaching and the transition in identity from student to professor. Lunch will be provided.

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## **2002 MEETING HOTEL—SHERATON UNIVERSITY CITY**

The Sheraton University City Hotel is located on the campus of the University of Pennsylvania. The hotel has good facilities with a nice selection of restaurants, shops and services in the adjacent blocks. There is easy access to public transportation to downtown and the airport. Nightly room rates will run \$US109 (single), \$US119 (double) and \$US129 (triple). Call 877-459-1146 (toll free direct to hotel) for reservations. Be sure to identify yourself as a member of APRRE.

You may find out more about the hotel on the web at [www.sheraton.com/universitycity](http://www.sheraton.com/universitycity). Links to information about the Philadelphia area, weather and transportation are on the website.

### TRAVEL FUND GRANTS

APRRE offers a limited number of travel grants to members in need. To apply you must be a member in good standing, i.e. dues paid for 2002-03. Preference is given to students and active younger members and is influenced by the amount of need. Persons awarded a grant for the 2001 meeting are not eligible for grants for the 2002 meeting. The size of grants will depend upon the number of applicants and funds available.

Application for a Travel Grant can be e-mailed to [rlitchfield@mtso.edu](mailto:rlitchfield@mtso.edu), or faxed to Randy Litchfield at (740) 362-3381 or surface mailed to APRRE, by September 13, 2002. Applications must include the following information: (a) cost of round-trip airfare, (b) the portion of airfare being reimbursed, if any, and by whom, (c) and amount of personal funds to being used for the meeting. Decisions about grant awards will be made by September 16.

### DATE FOR 2003 MEETING—CHICAGO NOVEMBER 7-9, 2003

The 2003 meeting will take place in Chicago, November 7-9, 2003. This is a week later than our typical weekend in November so please make note of the change. APRRE will be meeting with the REA and share in the REA's centennial celebrations. The location will be the Holiday Inn Mart Plaza located in the downtown area. It promises to be a great meeting!!

### SURVEY ON FUTURE MEETINGS

In an effort to make better decisions about annual meetings, surveys are being sent to APRRE members and friends with the annual renewal notices. The survey will provide very important data on member motivations for attending meetings, managing meeting costs, and selecting locations and dates of meetings. Without this data, we have only anecdotal information to guide us in decisions that impact our life together. Please take time to return this survey with your member renewal form!

### MEMBERSHIP AND BUDGET REPORT

Thanks to your dedicated support and participation, APRRE weathered this remarkable year well. Despite meeting only two months after 9/11, we had a successful meeting with 129 registrants that ended financially in positive numbers. We have ended with very strong total membership and we should finish the year within the approved budget. Thank you everyone! Let us keep this momentum going into 2002-03!

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>1998-99</u>	<u>1997-98</u>
Mailing list*	400	436	444	439	426
Paid Members	312	302	299	304	299

\*The mailing list total is down due to a clean-up of the list

	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>As a percent of 2001-02 membership</u>
US Members	179	57
International Members	27	9
Associate Members	7	2
Student Members	58	19
Retired Members	<u>41</u>	<u>13</u>
Total	312	100%

The APRRE membership approved a deficit budget for 2001-02. When the transfer of the difference between Travel Fund contributions and awarded grants is included, the budgeted deficit was \$620. A deficit was expected in light of Executive Secretary transition expenses and higher meeting costs. The projected actual deficit is \$410. A significant reason for a smaller deficit is the savings realized in moving to an electronic newsletter.

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Estimated Ending Balance</u>
Travel Fund	\$12,653.86	\$13,200
Operating Reserves	\$11,395.91	\$11,015

## **APRRE-REA DISCUSSION REPORT**

At the November business meeting a motion was passed to create a committee to enter into conversations with REA regarding a more formal relationship that advances our mutual benefit and to create a formal motion for action by the 2002 annual meeting. Early in the 2002 calendar year, a similar motion was approved by REA members via a mail ballot. The March APRRE newsletter reported that two constructive teleconferences had taken place. This process determined that 50% of APRRE members are also REA members and that APRRE members constitute approximately 29% of REA membership.

On June 8<sup>th</sup>, the joint committee held a five-hour meeting in Chicago discussing issues of vision, mission, membership, programming, finances, and administration for a shared organization. Representing APRRE were: Anne Streaty Wimberly, Jack Seymour, Tom Walters, and Randy Litchfield. Representing the REA were: Ron Cram, Lorna Bowman, Barbara Anne Keely and Ted Brelsford.

The discussion was open, candid, constructive, creative, and hopeful. Participants sought to move beyond just costs and benefits of reorganization for each constituency to how reorganization might position the associations for the opportunities and challenges of the coming decades. A constant concern was to honor the core purposes and passions of each association, in particular the concerns for advancing scholarship about the practice of religious education, about the contribution of religious education in our common public life, about the interplay of religious traditions and practices, and about enhancing teaching in religious education. Ways to embody these concerns in organizational structures were identified. At the end of the day, the group reached consensus that much was to be gained by moving forward with presenting a detailed proposal to the membership of both organizations. Assignments to draft segments of the proposal have been made and are due by the end of the summer.

At the beginning of September, a detailed reorganization proposal will be distributed to the membership of both groups. The proposal will include a rationale for reorganization, vision/mission statement, membership definition, organizational structure and processes, programming implications,

initial budget, and a transition plan. Responses to the proposal will be welcomed via email, letter or phone. During the November 2002 APRRE meeting the proposal will be discussed by the REA Board of Directors and the APRRE Executive Committee. Discussion of the proposal with APRRE members will take place during the Friday evening banquet and the business meeting Sunday morning. A poll of the APRRE members at the business meeting will be taken to determine if there is enough support to send a revised proposal to the entire membership for a vote. REA members will have separate discussion during their Annual General Meeting. Following the meeting, if there is support, a revised proposal and ballot will be mailed to the membership of APRRE and REA for approval. If both memberships approve the proposal, efforts will be made to implement the changes in time for the 2003 meeting in Chicago, which marks the 100<sup>th</sup> year of the REA and seems a fitting time for renewed vision, commitment, and passion.

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## POSITION NOTICES

### **Assistant Professor and Director of the Institute for Ministry With Youth and Young Adults**

Bethany Theological Seminary announces an opening for the full-time position of Assistant Professor and Director of the Institute for Ministry With Youth and Young Adults. Starting date: January 1, 2003 (negotiable). The Director will hold a tenure-track, teaching faculty appointment. Responsibilities include developing and administering the program of the Institute, travel related to that program, teaching graduate level courses in the joint curriculum that Bethany offers in partnership with the Earlham School of Religion, planning and teaching in educational events sponsored by the Brethren Academy for Ministerial Leadership, networking with other agencies and professional groups, participating in the Seminary's life and governance, and pursuing research and professional development appropriate to the position.

Desired qualities and qualifications in candidates for the position include:

- (1) Significant interest in and experience with youth and young adults,
- (2) Familiarity with and an understanding of contemporary culture,
- (3) Eagerness to work within, and ability to prepare persons for leadership within, the context of the Church of the Brethren,
- (4) Theological training at the M.Div., M.A.Th., or comparable level,
- (5) Doctorate (or candidacy) appropriate to the position,
- (6) Ability to teach, write, and speak for a variety of audiences, academic and congregational,
- (7) Prior experience in congregational ministry,
- (8) Skills and experience in administration, and
- (9) Commitment to the mission and values of the Seminary.

Prospective candidates are invited to submit a letter of application, accompanied by a curriculum vitae. At the time of application, candidates should also request three references of their choosing to submit letters of recommendation. Materials should be addressed to: Academic Dean, Bethany Theological Seminary, 615 National Road West, Richmond, IN 47374-4019. *Application deadline: Materials are requested by or before August 15, 2002.* Bethany Theological Seminary is an equal opportunity employer and encourages applications from those who can further enhance the breadth and diversity of its faculty. *Bethany Theological Seminary as a graduate school and academy seeks to prepare people for Christian ministry and to educate those called as witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the cities and communities of the world.*

### **Director, Disciples House for Youth**

Christian Theological Seminary seeks an educator and administrator as director of its Disciples House for Youth project. Disciples House for Youth (DHY) is a program for the theological education of youth, sponsored by CTS and funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. The project involves the preparation and training of youth and adults who work with youth for transformative leadership in the local church. The DHY Director's responsibilities involve the oversight, planning and implementation of a two-summer residential experience with youth and adults; administering a series of theological education programs for adults who work with youth; teaching graduate and undergraduate level courses in youth ministry at CTS and at the University of Indianapolis; and participating actively in the development of ongoing support for and evaluation of the program.

A Ph.D. or equivalent is strongly preferred. A successful candidate will demonstrate a commitment to the local church, to the Christian spiritual disciplines of contemplation and service, and to the formation of persons for collaborative ministry. The initial two-year contract will begin September 2002. Applications should include a curriculum vitae, an official transcript of the highest degree (sent directly to CTS from the granting institution), and three letters of recommendation. All materials should be addressed to Drs. Ron Anderson and Karen-Marie Yust, DHY Project Directors, Christian Theological Seminary, 1000 W. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Indianapolis, IN 46208. The committee will begin reading applications immediately. CTS is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

### **Associate Director, Ministries in Christian Education**

The **National Council of Churches** is pleased to announce a search for highly qualified applicants for the position of **Associate Director, Ministries in Christian Education (MCE)**.

The nature of the position requires a person to be skilled in administration, programming, and interpersonal relations. The person whom we call to this position must possess a passion for ecumenical ministry and a zeal for building networks among a vast array of partners. We are particularly eager to include young adults and persons of color as candidates for this position. It is also our desire to have the widest possible participation from our member communions.

MCE currently encompasses fourteen program ministry committees ranging from age-specific to racial/ethnic-specific to setting-specific areas. The Associate Director will be vital in addressing the challenges of ministry within these program areas, particularly with respect to youth and young adults.

Persons wishing to apply must submit a resume and any supporting material they feel may be helpful in evaluating their suitability for this position by **September 30, 2002**. Address any initial inquiries to: The Rev. Patrice L. Rosner, National Council of Churches, 475 Riverside Drive, Eighth Floor, New York, NY 10115-0050. Or, contact her by phone at (212) 870-2738 or by email at [prosner@nccusa.org](mailto:prosner@nccusa.org).

***A complete list of openings may be found on the website.***

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## **PASSINGS SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER**

Since the March Newsletter was distributed, word that two friends of APRRE had passed on was received. Separate e-mail notices were sent to most members.

**Randolph Crump Miller**, retired professor of divinity at Yale University, died of cancer on June 13, in Hamden, Connecticut.

Dr. Miller was the Horace Bushnell Professor Emeritus of Christian Nurture at the Yale Divinity School, where he taught for 29 years. Born in 1910 in Fresno, California, he was the son of the Reverend Ray Oakley Miller and Laura Belle Crump Miller. He earned his B.A. degree from Pomona College in 1931 and his Ph.D. in philosophy from Yale in 1936. He studied at the Episcopal Theological School and was ordained in the Protestant Episcopal Church in 1935. After teaching at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific and serving as vicar and rector of St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Albany, California, Professor Miller joined the Yale faculty in 1952, where he remained until his retirement in 1981. A jazz enthusiast and expert, Professor Miller spoke widely on the theology of jazz, as well as on topics in theology and Christian education.

From 1958-1978 he was editor of the interfaith journal, *Religious Education*, published by the Religious Education Association. His books include "What We Can Believe," "Biblical Theology and Christian Education," "Christian Nurture and the Church," "Your Child's Religion: A Practical Guide for Parents," "The American Spirit in Theology," "This We Can Believe," and several others. His 1950 book, "The Clue to Christian Education," was highly influential in the field of religious instruction.

Professor Miller was a member of the Episcopal Evangelical Fellowship and the Religious Education Association. He was a trustee of the periodicals *The Churchman* and the *Anglican Theological Review*, and served as a consultant in Christian education for the National Council of Protestant Episcopal Churches. He served as director of Christian education at Trinity Church on the Green in New Haven from 1961-1971.

Professor Miller is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, of Hamden, CT; daughters Barbara Miller and Phyllis Symonds, both of Weeki Wachee, FL; Carol Rand of Sharon, CT; Rives Carroll of Washington, DC; and Muriel Merenda of Terryville, CT; 17 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. He is also survived by a sister, Nancy Stratford of San Diego, CA; and a brother, Richard Miller, of Los Angeles. He is predeceased by his son, Frank Fowlkes.

**John W. ("Jack") Cook**, former professor of Christian Education at Florida Southern College and a former editor with the United Methodist Publishing House died April 6, 2002 after a long bout with Parkinson's Disease. Funeral services were held Tuesday, April 9 at the First United Methodist Church in Lakeland, Florida.

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## **ESSAY ON APRRE (PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE) IN APRIL CSSR BULLETIN**

In the April 2002 edition of the *CSSR Bulletin*, APRRE was featured in an essay authored by Chuck Melchert and Randy Litchfield. The essay looks at the historical roots of APRRE, its current organizational form, perennial issues facing members, and future challenges. APRRE is the first organization appearing in a series of essays on CSSR member organizations. Please be sure to check out this issue of the *Bulletin*.