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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS FOR 2003-04

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 and a 2003 meeting registration form. A membership form for 2003-04 will be available shortly 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 2002-03 are scheduled to expire on September 1, 2003. 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. Please note that decisions about the joint reorganization of APRRE and the Religious Education Association will NOT change membership renewal for 2003-04. So please renew as usual.

2003 MEETING PROGRAM

***Embracing the Past, Envisioning the Future:
Religious Education in an Age of Transition***

November 7-9, 2003

Chicago, Illinois

A joint meeting of the Religious Education Association (REA) and APRRE celebrating the REA's centennial anniversary

In this time of world tension and conflict in Iraq we are more aware than ever that many individuals, communities, and societies are in some form of transition. Such times call for discerning hearts informed by good religious education. Our 2003 annual meeting seems couched in a special time of transition. The year 2003 sees the 100th anniversary of the Religious Education Association and modern professional religious education. Our deliberation about merging the REA and APRRE is creating conversation about how we view theory and practice in the various contexts of our work. The early years of this new millennium are already marked by violent conflicts that tap into the human religious imagination and the new dynamics of globalization. Our 2003 meeting provides an important opportunity at this point in history for assessment, visioning and celebration.

In November of 2003 we will share in the Religious Education Association's celebration of its 100th anniversary of at a joint meeting with the Association of Professors and Researchers in Religious Education. Our shared theme will be ***Embracing the Past, Envisioning the Future: Religious Education in an Age of Transition.***

As we embrace the past 100 years of the study and practice of religious education we will seek to identify and understand significant transitions in the field and how these influence our engagement of the future. Particular attention will be given to celebrating the contributions that the Religious Education Association has made to this work.

As we envision the future, we will explore how the beginning of a new millennium, marked by ready global communication and the migration of peoples, calls us to a new religious literacy. Many of us have as our heritage a predominantly Eurocentric understanding of our faith traditions. We are invited today to become more conversant with religio-cultures from around the globe. Whereas in the past we may have tended as religious educators to minimize what was different among the great faith traditions, today we are coming to realize that without an understanding of our differences we may miss the truths that we have to offer to one another. We may also judge others wrongly because of our ignorance. Among the questions we may ask are: What does it mean to be religiously literate today? How have the assumptions about the distinctiveness of religions changed since the beginning of the 20th century? What values or truths do our faith traditions have to offer for the good of all humanity? How do we as religious educators situate ourselves as we move into the third millennium?

Questions and comments about the theme may be directed to President-Elect, Lorna Bowman
lbowman@uwo.ca.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

An on-line version of the annual meeting registration form is will shortly be available on the website, although it will still need to be mailed with a check. A hardcopy of the registration 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:

US 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 15, 2003.

Registration can be cancelled with full refund on or before October 15, 2003. Refunds for cancellations between October 15 and October 27 will have \$45 withheld (a copy of the Proceedings will be mailed via US mail). After October 27, 2003 cancellations will not receive a refund.

MEETING 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.

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

A Note about the Schedule... This year's meeting is a very special one because (a) we are meeting with the REA, (b) the REA is celebrating its 100th anniversary, and (c) we may be enacting a joint reorganization. In developing the schedule, we have worked to honor the centennial needs of the REA and to minimize competition between the programming needs of both organizations. Doing so leads to a very full schedule and adaptations to some of APRRE's usual meeting patterns. Credit for the symposia is due James Michael Lee and Barney Kathan, who serve on the REA planning committee.

Thursday, November 6, 2003

TBA Lutheran Christian Education Professors Meeting
 TBA REA Board Meeting

Friday, November 7, 2003

8:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. APRRE Executive Committee
 9:30 a.m.- 12:00 p.m. Panmethodist Meeting
 11:00 a.m.- 2:00 p.m. Registration/Hospitality
 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m. Student Caucus
 1:30 p.m.- 2:45 p.m. Denominational/Particular Religious Tradition Meetings
 3:00 p.m.- 4:15 p.m. Opening Plenary
 4:30 p.m.- 5:45 p.m. Task Forces
 6:30 p.m. Banquet
 Begins with inter-religious worship elements, Bobbie Nelson
 Presentation of the William Rainey Harper Award
 Keynote by Martin Marty

Saturday, November 8, 2003

8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. Symposium: "Honoring the Religious Education Tapestry, Part I:
 Religious Education in the Multi-Faith Community"--Don Russo,
 Convener
 9:30 a.m.- 10:45 a.m. RIGs, Colloquia and Resourcing Workshops **[see below]**
 11:00 a.m.- 12:15 p.m. Symposium: "Honoring the Religious Education Tapestry, Part II:
 Religious Education in the Multi-Cultural Community"--Mary Elizabeth
 Moore, Convener
 12:30 p.m.- 1:45 p.m. Men's & Women's Luncheons
 2:00 p.m. - 3:15 p.m. Symposium: "The Future of the Journal" --Theodore Brelsford,
 Convener
 RIGs, Colloquia and Resourcing Workshops **[see below]**
 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. REA business meeting
 Sessions for participants who are not REA members
 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. APRRE business meeting
 5:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Reception

Open evening

Sunday, November 9, 2003

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
 8:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. RIGs, Colloquia and Resourcing Workshops **[see below]**
 9:30 a.m. -10:45 a.m. Symposium: Embracing the Past, Embracing the Future"--Stephen
 Schmidt, Convener
 11:00 a.m. -12:00 noon APRRE Presidential Presentation--Lorna Bowman
 and Closing Ritual (Intended for all registrants)

RESEARCH INTEREST GROUPS, COLLOQUIA AND WORKSHOPS

Fuller descriptions are available on the APRRE website [www.mtso.edu/aprre]

Saturday November 8, 9:30-10:45 a.m.

Workshop

Diane E. Shallue, "Passing on the Faith through an Intergenerational Approach"

Colloquium

Lynne Westfield, "Just A Little Talk With Jesus: Prayer As Hospitality"

Research Interest Group

John L. Elias, "Catholics in the Religious Education Association: The Early Years" and
Mario O. D' Souza, Leona M. English and Leon Chartrand, "A 10-Year Retrospective of *Religious Education: An Interfaith Journal of Spirituality, Growth, and Transformation.*"

Research Interest Group

Paulette Isaac, "The Future of Adult Education in the Urban African American Church" and
Dent C. Davis, "Encounter with God: Pedagogical implications of the human experience of spirit for religious education of adults in the church"

Research Interest Group

Mark King, "The Roman Catholic Dilemma: Educating for a Mature Faith Identity" and
Miriam K. Martin, "*Lex Orandi Lex Credendi*: The Women's Liturgical Movement and Implications for Religious Education"

Research Interest Group

Dean Blevins, "Virtual Publications or Virtually Publishing? The Opportunities and Challenges of On-Line Publishing in Religious Education" and
Michael A. Kelly, "Embracing the Past, Envisioning the Future: Religious Education in an Age of Transition"

Research Interest Group

Karen-Marie Yust, "The Cultivation of Spiritual Knowledge and Wisdom" and
Russell Haitch, "Training for Consumerism: Education as Enrichment"

Saturday November 8, 2:00-3:15 p.m.

Workshop

Anne Streaty Wimberly, "Teaching and Learning Across Boundaries"

Colloquium

Catherine P. Zeph, "Furthering the Integration of Adult Religious Education and Spirituality"

Research Interest Group

Kieran Scott, "The Moribund Field of Religious Education: Its Wake and Our Work" and
Kathy L. Dawson, "Christian Religious Graduate Education in the Present"

Research Interest Group

Thomas E. Leuze, "How Have We Reckoned with the Barthians: A Response to H. Shelton Smith" and

Jack L. Seymour, "*Theology: The Clue to Religious Education?*"

Research Interest Group

Nam Soon Song, "Self-Cultivation as a Way of Christian Education: Exploring Jesus as a Learner" and

Sandra Sonhyang Kim, "Asian Theological Concept of Relatedness and Its implication on Religious Education"

Research Interest Group

Rebecca L. Davis, "Bright Hope for Tomorrow: The Bipolar Relationality of Personal and Social Transformation" and

Brett Webb-Mitchell, "'Trading Spaces', Changing Lives: Contextual Religious Education"

Research Interest Group

Barbara J. Fleischer, "From Individual to Corporate Praxis: A Systemic Re-imagining of Religious Education" and

Siebren Miedema, "Religious Education Today: Between James and Durkheim in Dialogue with Charles Taylor"

Saturday November 8, 3:30-4:30 p.m.

[During the REA business meeting—intended for people who are not REA members]

Colloquium

Fred D. Smith, "A Pilot Study In Hope and Despair"

Colloquium

Mai-Anh Le Tran, "*The Stories We Live By: Cultural and Religious Scripts in the Life Narratives of Vietnamese American Women*"

Sunday November 8, 8:00- 9:15 a.m.

Colloquium

Jane Alice Gober, "Pedagogy of Play: *Speaking of Adult Christian Religious Education as Play*"

Research Interest Group

W. Alan Smith, "The Lexington 'Heresy Trial:' William Clayton Bower and the Progressive School"

Research Interest Group

Lucinda Nolan, "Seeing What Is Not There Yet:: Entelechy, Sophia Lyon Fahs and Religious Education" and

Linda L. Baratte, "Religious Education in the Prophetic Voice: The Pedagogy of Eileen Egan"

Research Interest Group

Claire Smith, "God's Neighbourhood - Where Strangers Become Friends ... and Family: A Guyanese Metaphor for Christian Education" and

Boyoung Lee, "Who Cares? - A Post-colonial Feminist Critique of Caring-Self and Multiculturalism"

Research Interest Group

Kathleen O’Gorman, “Religious Education in the 21st Century” and
Gabriel Moran, “Religious Education and International Ethics”

Research Interest Group

Margaret Ann Crain, “Conversation Partners for our Future: Taking Cues from the Past” and
Mark S. Markuly, “Literacy of the Heart: Finding a Language for the Affective Dimension of Religious Education”

Research Interest Group

Alex Sinclair, “From Practice to Theory: The Hermeneutics of Bibliodrama in the Classroom” and
Bert Roebben, “Resilient Leadership and the Search for Meaning in Young Adult Ministry”

2003 MEETING HOTEL

Holiday Inn Chicago Mart Plaza Hotel
350 North Orleans Street
Chicago, Illinois
November 7-9, 2003

The hotel is in downtown Chicago in the River North area, “the New Chicago,” and has great views of the city. There are a good number of restaurants, bars, galleries, and other cultural attractions within several blocks. An airport shuttle stops at the hotel twice per hour (15 minutes past the hour and 15 minutes to the hour) beginning at 5:15 am until 10:15 pm. The hotel is very close to commuter trains. We have had good references on the hotel as a meeting location.

The guest room rate is \$US125 per night for both single and double occupancy. While this is a higher rate than recent years, it is actually a very good rate for a downtown location at this busy time of year. A downtown location was deemed important for this special meeting. APRRE will attempt to find ways to offer some assistance for those encountering hardship because of the higher rate. Also, as in the past, we will assist people in finding others with whom to share a room. The data from the survey about annual meetings was clear about the importance of keeping room costs down, so future site selection will be guided by that consideration.

The reservation cut-off date will be October 16, 2003. Following this cut off date, guestrooms are subject to availability and the hotel's prevailing room rates.

You may find out more about the hotel on the web at <http://www.holidayinnchicago.com>

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 2003-04. Preference is given to students and active younger members and is influenced by the amount of need. Persons awarded a grant for the 2002 meeting are not eligible for grants for the 2003 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, or faxed to Randy Litchfield at (740) 362-3381 or surface mailed to APRRE, by September 15, 2003. 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.

MEMBERSHIP AND BUDGET REPORT

The past year has been a very good one for both membership and finances. We have seen another year with a ten-member increase and a positive end of year balance. Thank you for your terrific support and commitment to APRRE! Each of you make a contribution to the vitality of APRRE and through it to the advancement of religious education.

	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>2001-02</u>	<u>2000-01</u>	<u>1999-2000</u>	<u>1998-99</u>
Mailing list	453	400	436	444	439
Paid Members	322	312	302	299	304

	<u>2002-03</u>	<u>As a percent of 2002-03 membership</u>
US Members	177	55
International Members	31	9
Associate Members	15	5
Student Members	60	19
Retired Members	<u>39</u>	<u>12</u>
Total	322	100%

The APRRE membership approved a budget for 2002-03 with a \$1,500 deficit. Because of various factors, APRRE will finish the 2002-03 fiscal year with a projected \$2,700 positive balance. Income categories contributing to this positive financial state include: exceptional meeting registration, slight increase in memberships, and fees for position postings. Lower expenses in these categories also had a positive effect: waving of A/V charges by hotel in light of sound problems at the meeting, reorganization meetings did not require travel, and less than budgeted Executive Secretary travel.

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Estimated Ending Balance</u>
Travel Fund	\$13,209	\$14,380
Operating Reserves	\$12,014	\$14,700

APRRE-REA JOINT REORGANIZATION REPORT

Member of the joint REA-APRRE reorganization committee received comments on the March draft of the reorganization proposal and have prepared a "final" document to distribute for votes. Both the REA Board and the APRRE Executive Committee voted in June to approve the design and to present it to the general membership for a vote. The mail ballot vote by the membership is being delayed to allow some legal details to be reviewed and to coincide with a time when more members will be in their offices. Originally the ballot was to have been completed by early July. The revised plan is to distribute the ballot the second half of August with returns due early September. A hardcopy of the proposal will be distributed with the ballot; however, the final reorganization design document (dated 5/23/03) is already available on the APRRE website.

Most of the revisions in the final design are relatively minor with one exception. The implementation plan (Section 9) is substantially different in the 5/23/03 design and will warrant close review by everyone. The implementation timing reflects a longer, two-step process. During the 2004 calendar year the REA and APRRE would remain as two separate organizations with a shared administrator. After approval of new by-laws and any other necessary legal documents during the 2004 annual

meetings, the joint reorganization would take effect in January of 2005. These revisions ease pressures on administrative logistics and allow for an additional point of collective discernment in November 2004 while keeping the process moving forward.

The joint reorganization committee wishes to thank APRRE and REA members for the time, energy and care that they put into responses and discussions regarding the various drafts of the reorganization proposal. Taking this process seriously demonstrates a form of love for important institutions that influence the field of religious education.

And...many thanks go to the members of the joint reorganization committee who have worked diligently on reorganization designs and sought to discern a wise course for our collective future. Members of the committee include REA representatives: Anne Streaty Wimberly, Barbara Anne Keely, Theodore Brelsford, and Ron Cram; and APRRE representatives: Jack Seymour, Tom Walters, Lorna Bowman, and Randy Litchfield.

If you wish to vote on the REA-APRRE reorganization mail ballot in August/September 2003, you will need to have your dues paid for the 2003-04 membership year. Only current members will be eligible to vote.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SEARCH

APRRE has initiated a search for a new Executive Secretary to succeed Randy Litchfield whose term ends June 30, 2004. People interested in this position and those wishing to recommend someone for the position should contact either Dr. Anne Wimberly or Dr. Lorna Bowman. The search committee will be making its recommendation at the November 2003 meeting. Taking action at that time will allow for a period of overlap with Dr. Litchfield in the transition.

CHILDREN RE-VISIONING THE TABLE: A DIALOGUE ON EATING AND DRINKING WITH CHILDREN

November 9-10, 2003 at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Evanston, IL
The conference is supported by a grant from the Valparaiso Project on the Education and Formation of People in Faith, and co-sponsored by Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, Glenview United Methodist Church in Glenview, IL and Hennepin Avenue Methodist Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The conference contact and registrar is Rev. Cheryl Magrini, Conference Project Director, Glenview United Methodist Church, 847-729-1015, ext. 107, email magdeacon@att.net. The conference begins Sun., Nov. 9, 2003 at 2pm and concludes Mon., Nov. 10th at 4pm. The conference musician is Christopher Grundy, United Church of Christ Pastor and doctoral student at Garrett-Evangelical in liturgical studies. The conference format consists of creative and interactive plenary sessions, small groups, worship, and a reception Sunday evening with feasting on international breads. The plenary session speakers and themes are: *Christian Hospitality and the Sunday Table* with Dr. Osvaldo Vena and Rev. Cheryl Magrini; *Justice Ministry With and For Children* with Bishop C. Joseph Sprague (United Methodist), and Rev. Diane Olson; and *Models of Christian Education Through Table Fellowship* with Rev. Cheryl Magrini and Dr. Dori Baker. Rev. Rebecca Davis is facilitator for the small groups, which begin on Sunday with experiential responses to Christian hospitality explored through art interpretation, writing liturgy, liturgical movement, child advocacy, and justice ministries. Monday small group sections are: *Sharing Eating and Drinking Practices Through Ethnography* with Dr. Margaret Ann Crain and Dr. Jeffery Tribble, Garrett-Evangelical; *Weaving Ritual and Story With Children* with Dr. Linda J. Vogel, Garrett-Evangelical; *A Process for Designating Children and Family Ministries as a Congregational Priority* with Rev. Kristen J. Larsen and Rev. Trey Hall, Glenview UMC;

Sacred Journey at Hennepin Ave. UMC: Experiential Worship Embracing Children with Rev. Sally Johnson, Hennepin Ave. UMC; and *Eating and Drinking With Children in the Workshop Rotation Model* with Sandy Mabry, Hennepin Ave. UMC.

POSITION NOTICE

The Faculty of Theology of the University of St. Michael's College invites applications for a tenure-track position in Religion and Education at the rank of Assistant Professor, to begin 1 July 2004. (An earlier date may be negotiated.) Requirements: Doctorate in Education and/or Theology and a Masters equivalency in the other. The successful candidate will have demonstrated ability in teaching, research, and publication. S/he will be able to assume leadership in continuing relationships and programs with the USMC Continuing Education Division, the Ontario Catholic School System, Faculties of Education, the Institute for Catholic Education and the Ontario College of Teachers. S/he is expected to give leadership in the Masters of Religious Education and the MA in Catholic Leadership Programs. St. Michael's is a Roman Catholic Faculty of Theology in the Toronto School of Theology, an ecumenical federation of theological schools affiliated with the University of Toronto, and is strongly committed to promoting theological research and publication in the Catholic tradition. It prepares men and women for various forms of pastoral and academic ministry in the Church. The Faculty welcomes applications from all qualified men and women; however, preference will be given to Canadian citizens and landed immigrants. Send letter of application, CV and three letters of reference to:

Chair B Appointments Committee
Faculty of Theology
University of St. Michael's College
81 St. Mary Street
Toronto, ON, M5S 1J4
Canada

Application Review will begin: October 15, 2003

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

MEMBER UPDATES

Mary Kay Oosdyke has accepted a position as Vice- President and Academic Dean at the Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO. She will begin her work there as of July 1, 2003. She will continue to participate in APRRE and is looking forward to the Chicago meeting.

Sue Fairley was awarded her Doctor of Education degree from Griffith University on the 23rd of April and had the privilege of presenting the Valedictory speech. One of my examiners was Mary Elizabeth Mullino Moore.