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# KOINONIA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

- To be held at -

**Koinonia Christian School**  
6014 – 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Red Deer, Alberta  
Phone: (403) 346-1818



**THEME: “EXPERIENCE GOD’S GREATNESS!”**

**Thursday, August 25, 2011**

For: Bookkeepers, Educational Assistants, Principals, Secretaries & Teachers

**Schedule:**

8:15 - 8:40 am	Registration and Coffee
8:40 - 10:00 am	<b>OPENING SESSION</b> Praise and Worship Recognition and Accolades Keynote Speaker
10:00 - 10:15 am	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
10:20 - 11:20 am	<b>WORKSHOP I</b> - Choice of 9 workshops
11:25 - 12:25 pm	<b>WORKSHOP II</b> - Choice of 9 workshops
12:30 - 1:25 pm	<b>LUNCH</b> (Included in fee)
1:30 - 2:30 pm	<b>WORKSHOP III</b> - Choice of 9 workshops
2:30 - 2:45 pm	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
2:45 - 3:15 pm	<b>CLOSING SESSION</b>



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**  
**Vance Nelson**  
Executive Director,  
Creation Truth Ministries

*“Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; His greatness no one can fathom.”  
Psalm 145:3 NIV*

**Please Note: You are responsible for booking your own motel accommodations.  
Please book early, as there is limited hotel space available in Red Deer.**

Motels our guests have used in the past:

**Western Budget Motel 1 (West side of Gasoline Alley)**

37468 Hwy 2 Southwest (west side beside Scott's Parable), Phone 403-358-5755 Fax 403-348-5788

**Western Budget Motel 2 (East side of Gasoline Alley)**

37549 Hwy 2 Southeast (east side beside Esso and A & W), Phone: 403-347-2177 Fax: 403-347-3536

**RSVP to the KCES Office by Thursday, June 30, 2011.**

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(Please indicate your job title/position when registering.)

**Cost: \$50 / Person Member School  
\$60 / Person Non-Member School**

Lunch & Coffee Breaks Included.

# Professional Development Day – August 25, 2011 Tentative Schedule



## 8:15 – 8:40 am REGISTRATION & COFFEE

## 8:40 – 10:00 am OPEN SESSION

- Welcome and Announcements – Vern Rand
- Praise and Worship–Dwayne Brown and Company (Olds KCS)
- Special Music – Jason Rand (YKCS) and Darlene Rempel (NCS)
- Introduction of New Staff to Koinonia – Garry Anderson and Vern Rand
- KCES Awards Presentation – Garry Anderson and Vern Rand
- Introduction of Guest Speaker – Garry Anderson
- Guest Speaker – Vance Nelson, Creation Truth Ministries  
*'The Bible and Evolution: What's at Stake?'*  
*Many Christians believe that as long as we believe God created, it doesn't matter 'how' or 'when' He did so. This presentation will show why it is vital to believe in creation as outlined in Genesis. Three important theological problems will be addressed in relation to compromise positions. This presentation is an encouragement to all believers to take God at His word since it is essential to be effective witnesses for Jesus Christ.*
- Instructions and Dismissal

## 10:00 – 10:15am COFFEE BREAK

## 10:20 – 11:20 am WORKSHOP I

1. Bookkeeper Session 'A' (Adm.) – **Garry Anderson / Judy Nelson**
2. Designing Effective and Comprehensive IPPs; Round Table Discussion (Special Ed.) – **Madeleine Lowery / Jackie D'Costa**
3. Digging Up the Fossils: Evidence for Creation and the Flood (Gen.) – **Vance Nelson**
4. Kindergarten / Preschool Round Table Discussion (ECS) – **Shelly Collier**
5. Making Art Curriculum Fun (El./Jr./Sr.) – **Mirjam Rand / Jason Rand**
6. Math Round Table Discussion for Junior & Senior High (Jr./Sr.) – **Mike Doerksen / Liesel Kaiser**
7. Planning for Success (Mandatory for New KCES Teachers) (El./Jr./Sr.) – **Theresa Nagel**
8. Using Assistive Technology to Support Struggling Writers, Session One (El./Jr./Sr.) – **Stephanie Simon**
9. Session (Special Ed.) – **Chris Kish / Heather Vallieres**

## 11:25 am – 12:25 pm WORKSHOP II

1. Bookkeeper Session 'B' (Adm.) – **Garry Anderson / Judy Nelson**
2. Designing Effective Behaviour Plans, Summary of Behaviour and Student Checklists; Round Table Discussion (Special Ed.) – **Madeleine Lowery / Jackie D'Costa**
3. Grade 1-2 Round Table Discussion (El.) – **Shirley Plett**
4. Open the Envelope Please! (Scrapbooking) (Gen.) – **Jacqui Fletcher**
5. Rocks, Fossils and the Age of the Earth (Gen.) – **Vance Nelson**
6. Supporting Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Challenging Behaviour (Special Ed.) – **Chris Kish / Heather Vallieres**
7. The Influential Leader (Gen.) – **Harold Hoffman**
8. Using Assistive Technology to Support Struggling Writers, Session Two (El./Jr./Sr.) – **Stephanie Simon**
9. Working with At-Risk Children (El./Jr.) – **Viki Hedlund**

## 12:30 – 1:25 pm LUNCH – Unassigned Seating, please sit wherever you choose.

*All staff needing to enroll in the benefits plan please visit the library during lunch break.*

**1:30 – 2:30 pm WORKSHOP III**

- 1.** A Plan for Spiritual Transformation (Gen.) – **Harold Hoffman**
- 2.** Beating the Winter Blues with Phys. Ed. (Jr./Sr.) – **Mike Doerksen**
- 3.** Case Studies of ‘Severe’ Special Needs Students; Round Table Discussion (Sp. Ed.)  
- **Madeleine Lowery / Jackie D’Costa**
- 4.** Cricut® Cutter Intermediate Tutorial (Gen.) – **Sue Kushniruk**
- 5.** Deciphering a Psychology Report (El./Jr./Sr.) – **Roger Neufeld**
- 6.** Living Fossils: Confirmation of Creation (Gen.) – **Vance Nelson**
- 7.** Microsoft Excel (Adm./Sec.) – **Jason Masters**
- 8.** Student Support Strategies (Jr./Sr.) - **Dawn Dering / Dorothy Martin**
- 9.** The Algebra of Gender Interactions in Primary (Kindergarten – Grade 2) – **Trevor Ragan**

**2:30 – 2:45 pm COFFEE BREAK**

**2:45 – 3:15 pm CLOSING SESSION**

- Special Music – Jason Rand (YKCS) and Darlene Rempel (NCS)
- Testimonies – Trevor Ragan (YKCS) and Theresa Nagel (NCS)
- Announcements / Goodbyes/Prizes



## Vance Nelson

Vance was born into a non-Christian household in Manitoba, in 1973, the youngest of three boys. He went through life like many in our world today, without the knowledge of Jesus Christ. Living for himself without any real hope or purpose in life, Vance struggled through High School trying to fill an obvious void in his life with anything he could find. Nothing seemed to suffice.

At age 19, Vance accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour, and started on a new journey to tell his old friends about the One who created them, Jesus. He developed an unending passion to tell people about the God of the Bible. Only ten months after receiving Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour, Vance felt the Lord's call to ministry. He headed off to North American Baptist College in Edmonton, Alberta. He was intimately involved in evangelism throughout his four-year studies in Edmonton, and during his last year of Bible College he married his wife, Korelei. Vance graduated in 1997 with a Bachelor of Religion degree specializing in Christian ministry. He worked with his father for one year after Bible College and one year church planting in Calgary, Alberta.

After discussing the Creation/Evolution issue with many friends and atheists, Vance and his wife, decided to move to Clearwater, Florida to work on a Biology degree at Clearwater Christian College. Three years later, they packed up and headed back to Canada to start the Canadian charity called Creation Truth Ministries. Creation Truth Ministries, of which Vance is the Executive Director, was started in 2002.

Vance credits much of his passion and knowledge to many of his mentors including Dr. Gary Parker, John Mackay and Dr. Jonathan Henry. Vance, of course, knows that Christ is the ultimate one to be praised for redeeming him and allowing him to serve in this capacity. He now travels all over the world doing research, writing and speaking on the topic of the Creation and its vital importance to the Christian faith. He has the ability to speak to children, university students and adults alike with a passion to see unbelievers come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Vance and his wife have three daughters.

## **WORKSHOP I**

(10:20 – 11:20 am)



### **Bookkeeper Session ‘A’ – Garry Anderson and Judy Nelson (KCES Office)**

This workshop will include a step-by-stop process of how to calculate staff salaries using the salary grid, review of ‘Information from Schools’ form, benefits package tips, plenty of time for ‘Q and A’ and great fellowship!

### **Designing Effective and Comprehensive IPPs**

– **Madeleine Lowery and Jackie D’Costa (KCS-RD)**

This will be a round table discussion on how to design effective and comprehensive IPPs for the various severe disability funding codes. This workshop is intended for your school’s Special Needs Representative.

### **Digging Up the Fossils: Evidence for Creation and the Flood – Vance Nelson (Creation Truth Ministries)**

Most people, including Christians, falsely believe that fossils provide evidence for evolution and long time spans. This talk outlines evidence, personally investigated by Vance that demonstrates that fossils actually support creation and the flood.

### **Kindergarten / Preschool Round Table Discussion – Shelly Collier (KCS-RD), Facilitator**

Come out and enjoy what Kindergarten and Preschool teachers do best, talk! Come prepared to share new ideas you are hoping to implement this year, and we will share a few ‘oldies but goodies’ as well!

### **Making Art Curriculum Fun – Mirjam Rand (KCS-RD) and Jason Rand (YKCS)**

Do you want to learn about teaching Art from a Mother-Son team? We will be sharing our ideas on methods, materials and curriculum connectivity. We will touch on ideas for teaching Art from Grade 2-12. Come for the fun of it!

### **Math Round Table Discussion for Junior and Senior High**

– **Mike Doerksen (KCS-RD) and Liesel Kaiser (AKCS), Facilitators**

Come prepared to share new ideas you are hoping to implement this year, current ideas that work well for you, and areas where you would like feedback in order to run a better math program.

### **Planning For Success (Mandatory for First-Year KCS Teachers) - Theresa Nagel (NCS)**

Planning is one of the most important functions of the effective Christian teacher. This workshop will examine and present the basic purpose of planning: long range, topic plans, unit plans, and daily lesson plans. Planning is an on-going process. In this day of rapid change, regular review and periodic updating is highly recommended for all teachers.

### **Using Assistive Technology to Support Struggling Writers, Session One**

– **Stephanie Simon, B.Sc. O.T. (Student Health Outreach Services) (See biography below.)**

This is an overview of mid and high-tech options for supporting students with mild to moderate difficulty with written expression. Included are step-by-step instructions for using accessibility features of Microsoft Word, Explorer and Adobe Acrobat.

### **Session – Chris Kish, MEd. (TEAAM Consulting Ltd.) and Heather Vallieres, R. SLP (Communication Keys) (See biography below.)**

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\* **Chris Kish** founded TEAAM Consulting Ltd. Following many years working within classrooms at home and abroad, within residential settings, home, communities, and hospital settings. Most recently, Chris oversaw development of specialist educational provision for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder in the UK. As Director of Autism he oversaw the development of educational provision for 60 children with Autism Spectrum Disorder within education, residential, home and community settings. Chris has his MEd. in Autism from Birmingham University in the UK and has two degrees from the University of Alberta (Bed, BPE). Chris has taught with Edmonton Public Schools and has been a teacher, a supervisor of teachers, a consultant, and sometimes all three at once, over the past 15 years. In every setting and across the neurodevelopmental spectrum, Chris works based on the individual needs of the client.

\* **Stephanie Simon, B.Sc. O.T.** graduated from the University of Alberta with a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy in 2002. For the past 9 years she has been working as an Occupational Therapist in Central Alberta Schools. She has experience working with children from birth to age 16 with a variety of physical, developmental and learning disabilities. She has attended several conferences on assistive technology and believes that all children can be successful in school when provided with the right tools. She has presented at Teachers’ Convention, CARC as well as for a variety of school divisions within Central Alberta.

\* **Heather Vallieres** is a registered and certified SLP and has provided consulting services to school teams, preschool programs and families for the past 22 years. She has extensive experience in working with children with learning differences. Heather is committed to effective service delivery and can work efficiently to provide practical intervention supports for children. Heather has advanced training in the field of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and works as a consultant in both school and home setting to create effective integration and rehabilitation programs for children with this very complex disorder. Above all, Heather is committed to providing the highest quality consultation.

## **WORKSHOP II**

(11:25 – 12:25 pm)



### **Bookkeeper Session ‘B’ – Garry Anderson and Judy Nelson (KCES Office)**

This workshop will be a continuation from Session ‘A’.

### **Designing Effective Behaviour Plans, Summary of Behaviours and Student Checklists - Madeleine Lowery and Jackie D’Costa (KCS-RD)**

This will be a round table discussion on how to design effective Behaviour Plans, Summary of Behaviours and Student Checklists that are necessary for the severe disability funding codes. This workshop is intended for your school’s Special Needs Representative.

### **Grade 1-2 Round Table Discussion – Shirley Plett, Facilitator (KCS-RD)**

Come prepared to share new ideas you are hoping to implement this year, current ideas that work well for you, and areas where you would like feedback in order to run a better classroom.

### **Open The Envelope Please! – Jacqui Fletcher (See biography below.)**

Think outside the box! Come, relax and enjoy a hands-on class where you create a project that can be used in the classroom. Materials used are from the classroom, available to everyone. You will walk away with creative ideas to enrich your class using scrapbooking techniques with an example to take home! *Please note, class size is limited to 15 participants, please sign up at the office.*

### **Rocks, Fossils and the Age of the Earth – Vance Nelson (Creation Truth Ministries)**

Huge canyons, dinosaur bones turned to stone, layers of rock; many people see all of these as evidence for vast periods of time. This presentation will vividly illustrate that the earth’s rocks and fossils speak of both rapid and recent formation. Much of the evidence has been personally researched by Vance and will become part of a new book.

### **Supporting Children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Challenging Behaviour – Chris Kish, MEd. (TEAAM Consulting Ltd.) and Heather Vallieres, R. SLP (Communication Keys) (See biography page 6.)**

This workshop is an educational and behavioural service delivery approach in supporting children with Autistic Spectrum Disorder and challenging behaviour.

### **The Influential Leader – Harold Hoffman (AKCS)**

Have you ever found yourself wishing that people would listen to what you say? Wishing that your children or significant other would cherish and not dismiss your ideas and that your boss and co-workers would follow your lead and wisdom? Well, now you can. Join me as we explore how to become an influential leader – a leader that people take seriously, full of abundant life and truth, able to make a difference in the work through God’s kingdom and for God’s kingdom. It’s not magic, smoke or mirrors, just some good old application of truth and wisdom, and it can make you into the person you never thought you could become.

### **Using Assistive Technology to Support Struggling Writers, Session Two**

#### **– Stephanie Simon, B.Sc. O.T. (Student Health Outreach Services) (See biography on page 5.)**

This is an overview of mid and high-tech options for supporting students with mild to moderate difficulty with written expression. Included are step-by-step instructions for using accessibility features of Microsoft Word, Explorer and Adobe Acrobat.

### **Working with At-Risk Children – Viki Hedlund**

Working in the public school system and having a special needs child in the Christian school system, I experience the culture along with the benefits of like-minded parenting in partnership in each school system first-hand. Christian education has a role in guarding the spiritual and emotional health of students in the prevalence of an at-risk culture. I will compare and examine the risk behaviours we are now witnessing in our culture, and the secular response versus that of Christian education.

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\* **Jacqui Fletcher** is presently a professional volunteer, but has taught Kindergarten, music, and craft classes throughout the last 20 years. Scrapbooking is one of her passions and main therapy. She loves to teach others to unlock their creative juices or share the ability to copy others’ creativity and preserve memories and more!

## **WORKSHOP III**

(1:30 – 2:30 pm)



### **A Plan for Spiritual Transformation – Harold Hoffman (AKCS)**

I used to think that the process of changing spiritually was like going on a diet – a lot of suffering with a little result. I've since discovered that there is a better way to being and continue the process of becoming more of the person that I want to be and see that person become more like Christ. I would like to share it with you. Come join me as we explore how to help yourself, your students or children, or the significant people in your life become who you truly want to be and who God wants you to be, through the practices that all spiritually mature people have used throughout the ages.

### **Beating the Winter Blues with Phys. Ed: Changing it Up for Your Kids during the LONG Winter Months – Mike Doerksen (KCS-RD)**

As a PE teacher, there is no harder task then cramming 28 screaming students into a gym and teaching them for an hour...unless you have to do it every day! PE can become repetitive and boring for students if all they do is come to a class, go through an aspect of a sport and then leave. PE should be fun and exciting, incorporating all the core team sports (volleyball, basketball, etc.), but also incorporating all the core team functions (teamwork, healthy competition, etc.) In this workshop you will be given some ideas that will get students running, competing and cooperating in ways that you may or may not have seen before. I have learned to use my years as a camp director to develop some simple and not so simple games that students from Grade 7-12 enjoy playing. You can make gym a place where mandatory does not mean miserable.

### **Case Studies of 'Severe' Special Needs Students - Madeleine Lowery and Jackie D'Costa (KCS-RD)**

This will be an open discussion on case studies of 'severe' special needs students from various schools. We will review assessing eligibility supports and services needed in addition to the documentation required to successfully obtain severe disability funding. This workshop is intended for your school's special needs representative, and possibly anyone else dealing with severe disability funding at your school.

### **Cricut® Cutter Intermediate Tutorial – Sue Kushniruk (YKCS)**

Does your school have a Cricut® machine that you want to use, but just don't know how? Cricut® personal electronic cutters allow you to get amazing creative results with the touch of a button. Cricut® machines, with the Cricut® cartridges, cut beautiful designs and alphabets for all sorts of purposes. Imagine the projects you and your class can create with Cricut®. Your results with the Cricut® are only limited by your imagination. (If you have a machine, please bring it and your cutting mat with you.)

### **Deciphering a Psychology Report**

– Roger Neufeld, MA, R. Psych. (Student Health Outreach Services) (See biography below.)

This workshop will help you decipher a psychology report. We will cover explanations of concepts common in cognitive assessments, such as working memory, processing speed, perceptual reasoning, and Multiaxial Assessment.

### **Living Fossils: Confirmation of Creation – Vance Nelson (Creation Truth Ministries)**

What are living fossils? Where are they found? What is the message they convey? Are they evidence for creation or evolution? Come and see the evidence Vance has 'dug up' supporting Biblical creation. You will see why secular books about fossils can no longer be reliable. This is a huge and fantastic area of research for students who will become our future Christian leaders and researchers. Actual fossils will be on display related to this talk.

### **Microsoft Excel – Jason Masters (KCS-RD)**

This workshop will cover some mid-level Excel topics, including templates, formulas and charts. Learn to unleash the power of Excel in your day-to-day activities.

### **Student Support Strategies – Dorothy Martin and Dawn Dering (AKCS)**

Explore a variety of strategies to support Grade 7-12 learning. Topics covered will include assisting students with reading difficulties, organizational challenges, and occupational therapy concerns. ADHD strategies and the effective use of visual aids will be covered.

### **The Algebra of Gender Interactions in Primary (Kindergarten-Gr. 2) – Trevor Ragan (YKCS)**

God created and gifted our genders to be different and the dynamics of how we interact is different. This workshop will examine how those differences surface within a primary classroom, and how male and female adults interact differently with boys and girls. As we identify strengths and weaknesses of this 'Gender Algebra', we are then able to make predictions and inferences to help enhance our classroom communities.

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**Roger Neufeld M.A., R. Psych.** has enjoyed over thirty years in clinical psychology activities. These have included college teaching, mental health therapy, directing a program to support families and prevent placement of children in foster care or other care, and in the last 11 years assisting cognition, mental health and behaviour issues in schoolchildren. He has also provided supervision in the early careers of a number of younger psychologists.

## IMPORTANT ITEMS TO NOTE:

- Please do not park in the alleyway off the parking lot on 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue. If you park in the alleyway, your vehicle will be ticketed and may be towed. You can park on 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue or on other side streets, most which allow all-day parking. Please do not park in the bus zones around the school.
- Kids in Harmony is giving us 15% off all regularly priced merchandise on Wednesday, August 24 and Thursday, August 25. Please mention to them that you are part of the Koinonia Christian Education Society (KCES) Professional Development Day, and you will receive the discount. They are located at #16, 7667 – 59<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Red Deer, Phone (403) 309-0588. Their hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 5:30 pm, and Saturdays from 10:00 am – 4:00 pm. Their website is: <http://kidsinharmony.ca/>.
- Scott's Parable Christian Store is providing discount coupons for the KCES PD Day attendees. Their store is located at 37464 Highway 2 South, Red Deer, Phone (403) 342-7477. Their hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 am – 9:00 pm, and Saturday from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm. Their website is: <http://www.scottsparable.com> .
- Please check out Google maps for a map to the school. The school address is 6014 – 57<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Red Deer.
- If you have a Cricut® machine with mats you would be willing to loan us for a workshop, please contact Kimberly Turner at (403) 346-1818 or [kimberlyrdkcs@shaw.ca](mailto:kimberlyrdkcs@shaw.ca) by June 30, 2011.