

The Prairie Page

Living

Thoughts from Gayle

As part of my reflective practice as I move toward retirement, I'm going to select a few of my favourite or meaningful Page Posts to republish. Enjoy the journey with me!

Last week many PCCE school-based leaders gathered for our annual Leadership retreat. We were blessed to have Rod Wilson lead us through a deep exploration of what it means to "instill hope." Ask your school leader about it - we were all challenged and encouraged in both our personal and professional understandings. This week's "look back" deals with some of the same themes, and perhaps it will serve to instill some hope in you!

Maybe, in these days ..., we need a more robust theology of holy delight, one that honors the whole of our experience as human beings. A theology that says Christianity acknowledges the reality of pain and death, but it is not about pain and death, it's about life and joy. It's about a God who died so that we can live. It's about a kingdom that enacts justice, equity, and healing so that all of creation can revel in abundant life.

I'm still learning how to hold the tension between death and life, pain and pleasure. I'm still sorting out what it means to take up my cross while I also rejoice. I don't always know how to do both, but I'm convinced that both matter to God. Life is many things, and yes, it includes pain. But not to the exclusion and neglect of joy. To follow Christ is to embrace Christ's joy and to trust that God will make that joy complete in us. ([Debie Thomas](#))

Learning

Financial Literacy Program

[Enriched Academy](#) is a Canadian financial literacy program that provides engaging, video-based learning for students from upper elementary through high school, covering topics such as budgeting, credit, investing, taxes, student loans, and financial wellness. The program is aligned with provincial curriculum outcomes, includes high school CALM connections, and is expanding resources for Grades 4-9, while also developing a stronger stand-alone Biblical perspective on money and stewardship. Through Alberta government financial literacy grants, participating schools can access the program at no cost. There are also sessions available for teachers to increase their own financial literacy.

TFT 101 Celebration of Try's

A reminder to TFT leads and TFT 101 participants to join us this Thursday, from noon-1pm, for our digital "Celebration of Try's." Please let Jeremy (jhorlings@pccce.ca) know if you did not receive an email with the Zoom link.

Leading

LQS Certificate

The King's University will be offering the Alberta Leadership Quality Standard Certificate Program in Fall 2026-Winter 2027. The program consists of two 3-credit graduate level courses, both offered online on Thursday evenings. The courses are conceptually grounded in a faith-informed understanding of leadership. More information can be found [here](#).



PCCE Leadership Cohort

As mentioned above, our Leadership Cohort spent a couple of days together last week learning about "instilling hope." The sessions by Rod Wilson looked at the theme within the context of our biography, our theology and our community. In addition to the sessions, we worshiped together (outdoors), ate together (those cinnamon buns!), celebrated Gayle's time as PCCE Executive Director (stories and a song) and spent time in intentional community (always the highlight!).



Christian Schools Canada Leadership Conference

The early bird registration deadline is coming soon, so be sure to [register by May 15](#) to take advantage of the discounted rate. Be sure to select the CSC Member rate as well for additional savings.

JOMO

Across Alberta, a growing number of schools partnering with JOMO (campus) are moving beyond phone policies toward a more intentional, Christ-centred approach to digital well-being. From shifting conversations about technology to building stronger alignment with staff and families, these schools are exploring how to help students live with wisdom and presence in a digital age. Read the [full story here](#).

As this work continues to take root, JOMO is inviting Alberta and Manitoba school leaders to a focused webinar exploring what comes next. Get Ahead of Digital Formation: A 2026-2027 Info Session for Prairie Christian Schools will highlight how to move from restriction to formation in a practical, sustainable way. Join us TODAY Tuesday, May 12 at 9:30-10:15am MT / 10:30-11:15am CST. [Register for the webinar here](#).

Looking Ahead

May 14, 2026: TFT 101 Celebration of Learning on Zoom (Noon-1pm MDT)

October 5 - 7, 2026: Christian Schools Canada Leadership Conference

October 22 - 23, 2026: PCCE Teachers' Convention

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