



**Prairie Page:** We are in the process of updating our email list to reflect school staffing changes made this fall so in the meantime, please forward this Prairie Page to your new people.

## PCCE Board Update

The PCCE Board held its first meeting of the year on September 27. A few highlights:

- The Board approved a new Strategic Plan that will guide our work for the next three years. Now the work begins of determining, implementing and assessing the strategies that will move us toward the achievement of our goals. Once the Plan is formatted for use, the Board will release it to the membership.
- The Board spent significant time working with the Transition Team on the process and timeline for selecting PCCE's new Executive Director. The [job opening has been posted](#), and the Board asks members to pass the information on to any potential candidates they may know. Application deadline is October 31, 2025.
- All schools are asked to make a note of March 7 for PCCE's Annual General Meeting in Calgary. We will also be holding our annual Governance and Leadership conference that day. Each member school is asked to send two delegates (a board representative and an educator representative) for the AGM, as well as a team of Board members and school leaders to participate in the conference.
- The Nomination Team is beginning their work in finding nominees for PCCE Board members who will be completing their terms this year.
- PCCE Board Members are:
  - Chair: Monica Loewen
  - Vice: Steven DeVries
  - Treasurer: Dana Heshka
  - Secretary: Dallas Halvorson
  - Henry Algera
  - Matthew Bekkering
  - Cindy Ekkel
  - Melissa Prins
  - Kimberly Sybesma

## Teachers Convention - 22 more days!

**EARLY BIRD ENDS TODAY:** Before registering, have a look at the [workshop sessions](#), as you will need to select your sessions when you register. Then [register using this link](#).

## Prairie Page Access

In the event of an Alberta Teachers strike and teachers no longer having access to their work email, note that the most recent Page is always available on the [PCCE website](#).

# LIVING

As a community of Christian school teachers (and everyone who works in a school is a teacher!) having a deep understanding of the biblical Story is essential both for our own edification as well as then being able to engage our students in the Story. We'll use this space in the Prairie Page to encourage our understanding of and passion for The Story.

*"The challenge of teaching biblical literacy is daunting. The beauty and complexity of the Bible is that it is a book with many different authors, genres, and styles of writing. We need to encourage our students (and ourselves) to seek a knowledge and understanding of all of Scripture, even the most challenging parts. Biblical literacy is a lifelong pursuit that pays eternal dividends, we invite our students to join us on the journey early in life."*

(A Framework for Biblical Integration and Learning by Calvin Troup, pg 7)

# LEARNING

## AI for Christian Educators

We are excited to have Dave Mulder as our keynote speaker at the 2025 PCCE Convention. You can find some of his musings on his substack, [Positivity - Passion - Purpose](#). This summer Dave also started writing a 6-part series on AI for Christian educators. His third article, [Peeking Inside the Black Box: Demystifying Artificial Intelligence](#), reassures us that AI, although powerful, is "not magic—it's math." AI is shaped by human values, affected by human sinfulness and should provoke some deep theological questions: "What kind of world are we helping to shape with these tools? Are we affirming human dignity? Are we working toward justice, truth, and restoration?"

## Renovare Resources

Carolyn Arends, keynote speaker at the 2024 PCCE Teacher Convention, works for [Renovare](#) and they have a number of events/resources that you can access to support faith formation personally and professionally:

- Free Webinar on October 1 - "[Next Gen Spiritual Formation: How Can Young People Have a Flourishing Life With God?](#)"
- [Renovare Book Club](#) starting October 6

[Life With God](#) podcast - "A place for honest conversations about interactive life with God."

# LEADING

## Biblical Literacy

A reminder that PCCE published a staff devotion resource that we are encouraging all our schools to use this year that focuses on the Biblical Story and deepening our engagement with the Story and our colleagues. For access to this resource, Teaching FROM Transformation: The Biblical Story, check your email or contact Gayle.

## TfT Instructional Coaching Intensive

CACE has been hosting [TfT Instructional Coaching Intensives](#) every year since 2021 and it has provided some fantastic PD for TfT leads. In 2024, a new stream (Level 400) was added for leaders (e.g., principals, heads of schools) in TfT schools. This year the event is being held in Visalia, California from November 12-14. The level 400 stream, School Culture: Shaping Seedbeds for Transformation, is being led by Lynn Swaner (keynote speaker at the LC in Entheos last spring) and the registration deadline is October 10. Ask your TfT lead, reach out to Jeremy ([jhorlings@pcce.ca](mailto:jhorlings@pcce.ca)) or [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

## Services for Boards

Three of PCCE's services most frequently used by Society Boards are:

- **Board Governance Workshops** - usually held in an evening (about 2 hours) where we cover the basics of effective governance. Personalized workshops are also available.
- **Strategic Planning** - PCCE can help your Society craft a Strategic Plan that will guide and direct your work. Support ranges from consulting/advising to guiding the process from start to finish.
- **Reviews** - depending on your governance structure, PCCE can complete Leadership Reviews (principal or key Society employee), or School/Program reviews.

For more information, contact Gayle ([gmonsma@pcce.ca](mailto:gmonsma@pcce.ca))

## Teachers' Convention Registration

**Early Bird registration ends today. Remind your staff!**

## Looking Ahead

**September 30:** Convention Early Bird Deadline

**October 22:** TfT 101 - Session 1 in Lacombe

**October 23 - 24:** PCCE Teachers' Convention - Lacombe, Alberta

**March 7, 2026:** PCCE Leadership & Governance Conference and AGM

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