



## Teachers Convention 2025

**We need YOUR help!** Now that we have our keynote speaker (Dr. Dave Mulder) in place, we are looking for workshop presenters.

- We know that our PCCE teachers are doing wonderful work in their classrooms and that convention attendees love to attend sessions that are practical and relevant to their day-to-day work. As such, PCCE teachers (YOU) are great workshop presenters! [Fill out this form](#) to indicate your interest in being considered. This form requires just a general area of interest, with more details needed at a later date. April 11 deadline.

If you have suggestions for other presenters, particularly from the central Alberta region, [complete this form](#). April 11 deadline.

## Living

"If we want to make the most of this annual opportunity (Lent), we'll do more than just give something up. We'll silence ourselves before the Sovereign who became a servant. We'll fasten our eyes upon him as he teaches and heals and smiles and weeps — the only upright man in a world of cracked and curved impostors. We'll stand in awe as we hear him plead in Gethsemane. We'll marvel as he moves from the garden to the cross, silent as a sheep going to the slaughter. We'll adore him as he lets the nails pierce his sinless skin until it is finished.

And then, we'll put our ears to the ground and listen for the tremors of his rising.

If we do, we might just find ourselves erupting with a deeper joy as we join the universal shout: "He is risen!" (Scott Hubbard)

## Learning

**Telling Good Stories:** FLEx Cards are a great way to capture the good stories happening in your classrooms. They can be used on your Storyboard, posted in school hallways or shared with the broader TtT community to inspire others. This week we'd like to highlight 2 stories from Rimbey Christian School. You can check out how Maurica Merriman's Kindergarten class were invited to be the "Apple of God's Eye" in [this Justice Seeking FLEx](#) and how Rutendo Muswizo nurtures her Grade 1 class to be "Rooted in Jesus" in [this Beauty Creating FLEx](#). Ask your TtT lead how you can share your FLEx stories with your school community and the broader TtT network.

**Contemplating Lent 2025:** At the beginning of Lent we shared [THE CONTEMPLATING LENT RESOURCE](#), which provides links to articles, activities, Scripture and devotionals to help PCCE schools invite their community into a deeper understanding of this particular season on the liturgical calendar. The rest of this week's Scripture focuses are:

March 25 Hosea 12:6

March 26 Matthew 6:33

March 27 1 Peter 5:6-7

March 28 Galatians 5:5

We encourage you to share the Bible verse of the day and challenge your students to make the connection(s) to Lent. Your students can represent their reflections through photographs, drawing, poems, journal entries, song lyrics or any other medium that can be shared in your school community (e.g., newsletters, Storyboards, Easter programs, etc.).

## Leading

**Webinar: Developing a Better Imagination for Artificial Intelligence in Education**

April 9, 6:00 PM MT/7:00 CT

**Host:** Dr. Dave Mulder (Speaker at upcoming 2025 PCCE Teacher Convention)

[Registration Link:](#)

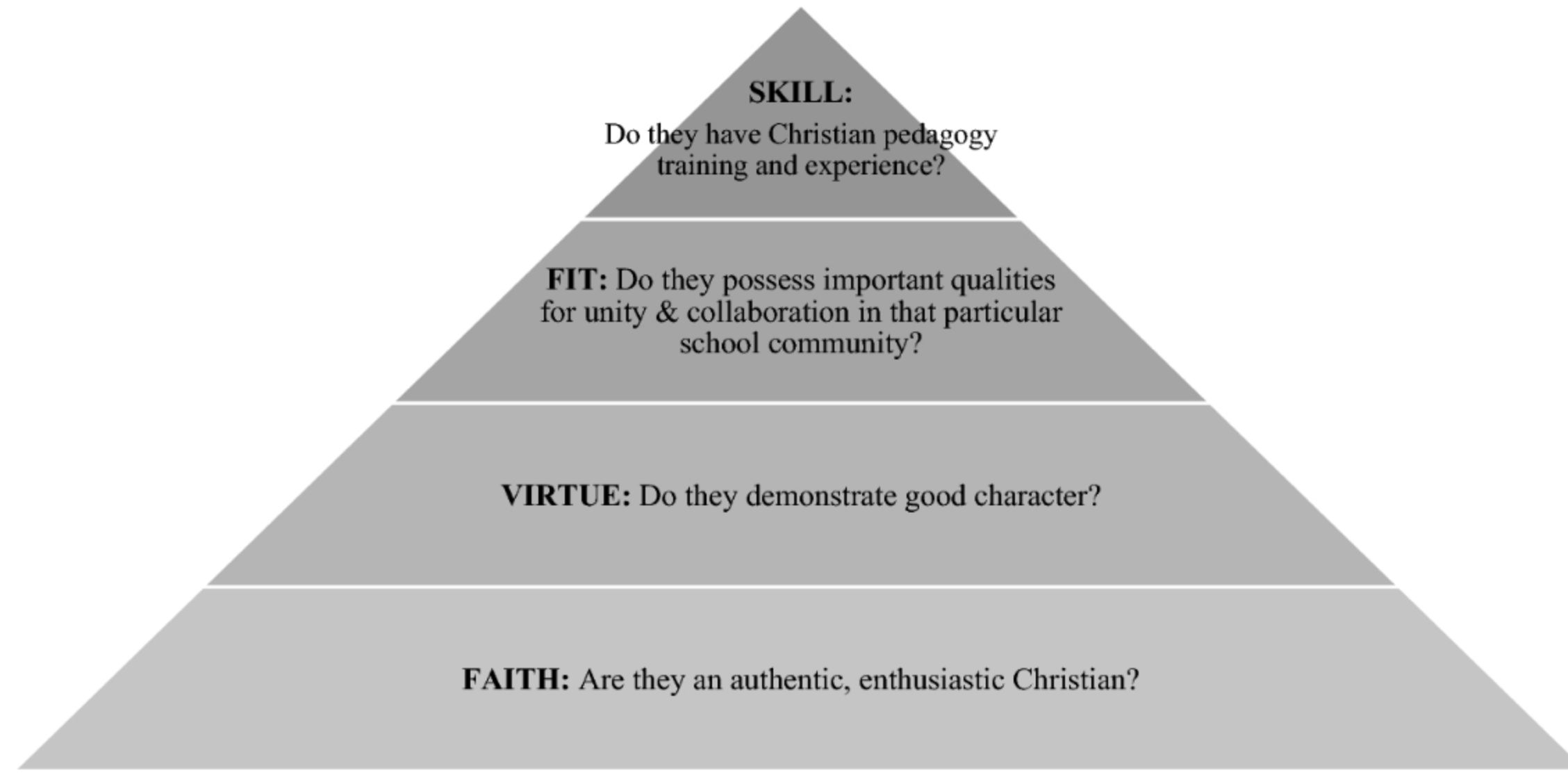
**Webinar description:** We all have some sort of imagination for what "artificial intelligence" is, and there are many conflicting voices describing AI as the panacea that will save education, or the end of education as we know it. How can we discern the truth? In this session, we'll explore what AI is and learn a bit about how large language models work to demystify what is actually happening under the hood of powerful generative AI programs. We'll think through both the possibilities and the pitfalls of AI-infused educational settings, and most importantly, what the rise of artificial intelligence may be doing to the way we view human beings along the way. This session is for classroom teachers, school leaders, instructional coaches, and anyone who is interested in thoughtfully exploring the pros and cons of how AI is impacting education.

**Leadership Cohort Gathering:** Registration will be coming out soon, but make sure you have May 8-9 on your calendar. While you can arrive on Wednesday evening, the events will begin on Thursday morning.

**Hiring Practices in Christian Schools:** As we move into "hiring season," we'll take the next few weeks to dive a bit deeper into the process of identifying and hiring high-quality teachers. We'll use this [article](#) by Dr. Lynn Swaner et al as our basis.

First, let's look at the priorities school leaders place on the various qualifications teachers possess. In the study noted in the article, the researchers found that school leaders generally look at 4 categories: faith, virtue, fit and skill. How does this align with your practice? Where might your priorities be different?

"The qualifications they seek in teachers could be arranged into a pyramid, where the base—the most fundamental quality—is demonstration of authentic belief in Protestant Christian doctrines. After faith, school leaders desired teachers to demonstrate Christian virtue and to be a good 'fit' for their school culture; at the tip of the pyramid is the category of professional and pedagogical skills. While there was some heterogeneity in the top three tiers among school leaders, all agreed on the importance of Christian school teachers having 'a heart for Christ and a heart for kids.'"



## Looking Ahead

**May 7 - 9:** Leadership Cohort Gathering

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

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