



### PCCE AGM

All schools are invited and encouraged to participate in our **Annual General Meeting** on March 7 at 10:00 AM MT. For a school to be considered present at the meeting, both a Board representative and an Educator representative must be in attendance. While we encourage in-person participation, virtual attendance for the AGM is acceptable. The AGM meeting package and registration information (**Feb 20 deadline**) can be [found here](#). If attending in-person, information about the Governance & Leadership Conference is found using the same link.

### Living

Lent begins this week and between now and Easter, we will use this section of The Page to encourage you in your preparation for Easter, but this week, we'll start with a short overview of Lent.

- Lent begins 46 days before Easter on Ash Wednesday (February 18 this year) and ends on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter.
- Lent is 40 days long, as Sundays are not included
- Some key dates: Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday (the last Sunday before Easter), Maundy Thursday (remembering the Last Supper), Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday.
- 40 days of Lent is symbolic of other Biblical events: Jesus' 40 days of fasting and temptation in the wilderness, Moses' 40 days on Mount Sinai, 40 days of rain in the Flood, Israel's 40 years of wandering in the desert
- A common Lenten practice includes fasting/giving something up with the opportunity to replace the time/focus/resources usually associated with that "thing" with more reflective and meditative time with God with the anticipation of deeper intimacy with the Lord.
- We invite our PCCE schools so use the Contemplating Lent resource noted below.

#### A Blessing as Lent Begins

*Blessed are you, ready to open yourself to a new joy, a doorway that until now has been hidden.*

*In this culture of acquisition and gain, blessed are you who desire fresh ears to hear what might be a bit too loud. Who take the next step to turn it down a notch and make more space for God.*

*Who discipline yourself, with time, intention, and hope, anticipating God to show up in your discomfort. Trusting that when we need God, God promises to be there.*

*God, give me courage, give me strength, give me hunger for You. Let this set time of less be a chance for more of You.*

*Let this fast be an entrance into the discernment I desire, the divine presence I'm longing for, and the hope to will what You will, oh God, to be who You've called me to be. (Kate Bowler)*

### Learning

#### Contemplating Lent 2026

Lent begins tomorrow (Wednesday, February 18), and we are once again inviting PCCE schools to join the "Contemplating Lent" initiative. The first page of [THE CONTEMPLATING LENT RESOURCE](#) contains a brief explanation of the initiative and the "verse(s) of the day" schedule. The idea is that you will spend time each day, or as many days as you can, inviting students to reflect on the connection between the Bible verse for that day and Lent. The second page provides links to articles, activities, devotionals and a "Going Deeper" section to help guide those discussions and provide a deeper understanding of this particular season on the Christian calendar.

#### EduDeo Discover & Learn Trip

[Applications Now Accepted](#) If you are interested in an experience that will transform your teaching and deepen your perspective on education, join EduDeo on their next [Discover & Learn trip](#) to the Dominican Republic (May long weekend, May 16-20, 2026). Here are [more details](#) about the five-day journey of listening, learning, and connecting with passionate educators who are making a difference. Applications are due March 2, 2026.

#### Interested in Leadership?

If you would like to discern your calling to Christian school leadership, consider applying for the 2026-27 cohort of the [Emerging Leader Development Institute](#). ELDI is a year-long program, with both in-person and virtual sessions, intended to assist participants in learning more about school leadership and discerning their call. PCCE will cover part or all of the registration cost, depending on the number of participants. Schools need to cover transportation, and substitute teacher costs for virtual sessions held throughout the year. The application deadline is April 1.

### Leading

#### PCCE Governance & Leadership Conference

**REGISTER THIS WEEK (Feb 20 deadline).** The conference, along with PCCE's AGM, will be held in Calgary on March 7. The event details, including the AGM agenda, were sent to schools earlier and can also be found on our [website](#) where you will find:

- The AGM meeting package
- Workshop descriptions
- **Feb 20 registration deadline** - [Registration link](#)

#### PCCE 2026-27 Compensation Report

Our annual Report was sent to schools last week. If you would like a copy, please [contact the PCCE Office](#). A reminder that the report is for the exclusive use of PCCE schools and is not to be shared in part or whole with people or organizations outside of PCCE.

#### A Non-Anxious Presence Book Club

Our next meeting will be on March 2, from 11:00-12:00 MT when we will discuss pages 91-143 of the book. All are welcome to join! [Here's the zoom link to join us.](#)

#### ELDI 2026-27

Applications for the [Emerging Leader Development Institute](#) are now being accepted. Think about who you should encourage to apply! PCCE will cover part or all of the registration cost, depending on the number of participants. Schools need to cover transportation, and substitute teacher costs for virtual sessions held throughout the year. The application deadline is April 1.

#### Update on Funding Removal Campaign

Last week Wednesday, the organizers of the 'Alberta Funds Public Schools Citizen Initiative' conceded that their petition had not met the required threshold of signatures to trigger a referendum. The proposed referendum would have promoted the termination of public funding for independent schools in Alberta.

This outcome brings much-needed stability for our independent schools. The conversation surrounding educational choice in Alberta, however, will continue to require our attention and involvement. It is an essential conversation that addresses the very nature of our province's history and identity.

We want to express our appreciation for the work of AISCA to advocate for our independent schools and promote a diverse, inclusive, and parent-driven education system. We are similarly grateful for many of you who spoke up on various platforms and in many conversations in support for choice in education.

#### Upcoming Events and Reminders

- VanLunen Program: [Applications are being accepted](#) until February 28, 2026.

- [Navigate Conference](#) for people working in finance and advancement. Dates: April 13-14 in Delta BC.

- PCCE's Leadership Cohort will gather on May 7-8 near Calgary, with Dr Rod Wilson as our speaker

- [Faith Fundraising and Communication Symposium](#) will be held in Three Hills on May 25-26.

- [Christian Schools Canada Leadership Conference](#) - As you prepare your 2026-27 budget, be sure to include this conference. October 5-7 in Whistler BC.

### Looking Ahead

March 4-5, 2026: TFT 101 Sessions 3&4 in Calgary

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

April 13-14, 2026: SCSCB Navigate Conference

April 7-8, 2026: Leadership Cohort gathering at Entheos

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

October 22-23, 2026: PCCE Teachers' Convention

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