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### LIVING

Everyone who works in a school is a leader so the following is relevant to us all! Learning to pay attention and knowing what to pay attention to is a key discipline for leaders, but one that rarely comes naturally to those of us who are barreling through life so fast with our eyes fixed on the goal. One of the down sides of visionary leadership is that we can get our sights set on something that is so far out in the future that we miss what's going on in our lives as it exists now. We are blind to the bush that is burning in our own backyard and the wisdom that is contained within it. We squander the gift of this day just as it is, these people just as they are, the uniqueness and the sweetness (even the bitter sweetness) of this particular place on the journey just as it is, the voice of God calling to us in our own wilderness places.

[Spiritual Leadership And the Practice of Paying Attention](#) by Ruth Haley Barton

### LEARNING

**Teachers' Convention:** Registration will open on **Thursday October 1!** With the virtual format, we are inviting all school staff (full-time, part-time, EA's, librarians, administrative assistants, society staff etc.) to participate in some or all of the convention. In order to ensure everyone has access to what they need, **everyone will need to register**, even if they are just attending the keynotes or a session or two. Look for an email with the registration link on Thursday.

**TfT 101:** Registration for TfT 101 will be done through the Teachers' Convention link. If you are not attending the convention, but will participate in TfT 101 you will still need to register this way. Due to Covid restrictions, we will be offering TfT 101 virtually this year. TfT is for any new teachers: either new to teaching or new to your school. We also invite experienced teachers to participate if you would like a TfT refresher and to learn more about what TfT is currently like (there have been significant changes & improvements over the years). We will spend 4 days over the course of the year, learning about TfT, its Core Practices with the opportunity to implement the framework in your classroom.

TfT 101 dates: November 3, December 1, February 2, March 2.

### LEADING

Last week we announced the first in a series of Rod Wilson leadership videos. One of the links was not correct, so here is the information again:

We are super excited to let you know about a new leadership initiative specifically designed for Canadian Christian school leaders (principals, assistants, ED's, boards). Many of you will very fondly remember Dr. Rod Wilson who spoke at our 2019 Leadership Cohort conference. Christian Schools Canada has commissioned Rod to produce a series of leadership videos this year. Two videos will be released each month. We encourage school leadership teams to gather, watch the video together and discuss the reflection questions. Or maybe a group of principals would like to gather in-person or virtually to engage with the content. Here is more [INFORMATION](#) about the series and here is access to the first [VIDEO](#).

Last week principals received an email with Teachers' Convention details. In case it was missed, here is another [COPY](#).

**Last call for [REGISTRATION](#) for the Christian Schools Canada Leadership Conference [happening next week!](#)**



**October 8** CSC Leadership Conference  
**October 22 & 23** PCCE Teachers' Convention



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