



NATIONAL CHRISTIAN HOME EDUCATORS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



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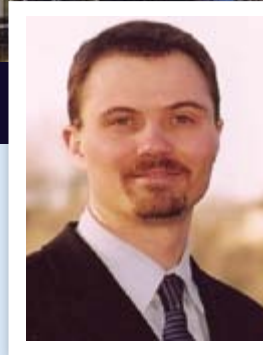
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Personal Invitation

I am pleased to invite you to attend our 11th Annual National Christian Home Educators Leadership Conference (NLC).

The 2010 Winter Olympics left a legacy to the city of Vancouver and surrounding area. Not only were some superb athletic facilities added to the city, but new hotels were built, nearly every existing one was given a face lift, most tourist attractions were spruced up, new ones were created, and a fabulous rail transit system was operational a few months before the games began. Come visit the transformed Vancouver and area!

We are looking forward to having many hands-on workshops that will assist you in your roles as provincial board members, support group leaders, conference planners, and more.

Amongst our many great speakers will be Derek Rogusky, Senior Vice-President of Focus on the Family, Ted Byfield, Chief Editor and Visionary of the Christian History Project, and Mike Goheen, Professor of Worldview Studies at Trinity Western University. Each of these men has a tremendous amount of wisdom to share with us.

I thank you for your hard work serving homeschoolers over the past year. This conference is a chance for you to relax and be refreshed alongside fellow workers. Any inquiries about this event may be directed to nlc@hslida.ca.

I hope to see you in September!

Paul Faris
President

What you can expect...

This is a first-class event, tailored to meet the need for training in the lives of homeschool leaders, speakers, and curriculum providers across Canada through:

- Dynamic presenters who are passionate about leadership and strengthening homeschooling in Canada;
- Plenary sessions and workshops specifically designed to help strengthen homeschool families, organizations, and support groups;
- The planned off-site event provides an opportunity to network with other leaders across Canada on an informal basis, while seeing more of the area.



Featured Speakers



Derek Rogusky, Senior Vice President with Focus on the Family Canada, will present a plenary session on the key cultural trends, how they impact families, as well as how they impact churches and ministry organizations. An example of trend/counter trend is choice-control. One way this is relevant to home educators is that, where more and more parents are embracing/demanding educational choice, there are nonetheless increasing attempts by groups (including teachers' unions) to control the curriculum. We will identify what this looks like now and might look like in the future, how it might impact families, and how we can maximize the positive aspects (i.e., more parental control/authority) and minimize the negative aspects (i.e., harmful controlling ideologies that undermine parental authority and family integrity).



Michael Goheen (Ph.D., Utrecht University) is Geneva Professor of Religious and Worldview Studies at Trinity Western University, Langley, BC. Mike and his wife, Marnie, home-educated their four adult children through the end of high school and now look forward to the challenge of participating in the home-education of their grandchildren. Mike has authored or edited six books in the areas of biblical theology, worldview, and mission.



Ted Byfield has been a journalist for sixty-three years and was a western Canadian news magazine publisher for more than twenty-five years. He has worked with the *Alberta Report* news magazine, the *British Columbia Report*, Canada's Sun newspapers, the *National Post*, the *Globe and Mail*, and the *Winnipeg Free Press*. In the 1990's, he became editor and publisher of *Alberta in the Twentieth Century*, a twelve-volume history of the province of Alberta. He was the visionary behind the *Christian History Project* (www.christianhistoryproject.com).



Paul Faris is a graduate of the law school at the University of Western Ontario. In 2003, Paul joined Home School Legal Defence Association (HSLDA) of Canada as legal counsel, and now holds the title of President. [The title for Paul's plenary session will be *The Third Wave of Homeschooling Persecution*. Paul will also be leading a round table discussion for provincial board members/management teams on how they can most effectively operate. A similar session will be offered in the context of local support group leadership.](#)



Workshop Speakers



Gerald Huebner serves as an Assistant Deputy Minister in the Manitoba Government full-time. He is also a home-school leader and board chairman of HSLDA on a volunteer basis. [Gerald will present *Lessons in Leadership - often learned the hard way*. He will share practical lessons from his experience in leadership in a variety of roles, from organizational change and working with the spring flood control situation in Manitoba to home-school leadership.](#)



Diane Kroeker is a homeschool graduate (homeschooled grades 1-12) who is now married to Tyson, also homeschooled. They have two girls (ages two and four) and have been homeschooling them since birth. The Kroeker family makes their home in Winnipeg. [Diane has started a tremendously successful preschool homeschool support group in Winnipeg that is specifically for families with children six years of age and under. She will be sharing about the success of this group, as well as its challenges, and various ways we can support young homeschool families. For this new generation, the pressure to send children to public school does not start at kindergarten anymore, it starts with preschool.](#)



Donna Ward is the author of four Canadian history/geography curricula, which have been widely used across the country in public, private, and home-schools. Donna's love for good Canadian literature sets the foundation to provide teachers with a wealth of resources. Her goal has been to introduce intriguing stories that will captivate even the most reluctant student. Donna holds a degree in Religious Education from Ontario Bible College (now Tyndale University and College), Toronto. [Her popular studies are available today through her company, Northwoods Press. Donna is also a motivational speaker at home-educators' conferences across the nation. She will be facilitating a workshop for homeschool conference vendors.](#)



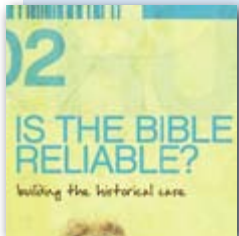
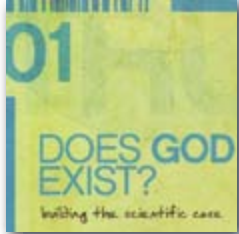
Dr. Dan Reinhardt is the Founder and Director of the CREST Leadership Program, an innovative leadership development program whose mission is "Impacting Mid-Life Leaders To Fulfill Their Compelling Dreams." Established in 2002, CREST has trained over a hundred leaders through its various programs. These have included pastors, lay persons, business owners, and executive teams of major Canadian charities such as Focus on the Family, Evangelical Fellowship of Canada, Compassion Canada, 100 Huntley Street, Opportunity International, and Christian Business Ministries Canada. [Dan will give a session on resolving conflict in a ministry leadership team.](#)



Youth Sessions



Stephen Johnson, an ordained pastor, had just begun his 10th year in ministry when he felt called to join Focus on the Family Canada in 2007. His prior career as a consultant in the dental industry – along with his years spent in sales, marketing, and management – has equipped Stephen to assess problems and find creative solutions. Stephen will be introducing the **TrueU** program which has recently been produced by Focus on the Family as the prequel of *The Truth Project*. Surveys show that a disturbingly high percentage of students who enter college as professing Christians turn away from their faith before graduating. This is traceable to a lack of preparation to withstand and counter the false claims that bombard believers in the university environment. Focus on the Family's **TrueU** curriculum offers an introduction to apologetics (a defense of belief in God) that aims to reverse this trend. The objective is to help turn this tide by giving **TrueU** participants confidence that the Christian faith, and the truth we find in the Bible, is based on solid evidence that stands up to hostile scrutiny.



Youth Sessions are specifically geared towards up-and-coming young leaders. The youth workshops are open to homeschooled students and graduates ages 14 and over. The entire program is designed to equip young people to take active leadership roles in our country's future. Youth will participate in all aspects of the conference including plenary sessions, however, the specific youth sessions will occur during the adult workshops and Town Hall Meeting.

Youth Leader is a volunteer position available to young people registered for the youth workshops. Youth leaders will be responsible for facilitating the Youth Ice Breaker event and assisting the conference coordinator in carrying out the details of running the conference such as setting up, working at the registration table, preparing a photo slide show

and cleaning up at the end of the event. Volunteers will not miss any sessions. They must be available from 1:00 pm on the Thursday for an orientation meeting until the close of the conference on Saturday at about 10:00 pm. Interested youth should send a message to the conference planner at nlc@hslida.ca.



Off-Site Event



The UBC Boathouse, a world-class rowing and paddling facility, will be the location of the optional Dragon Boating Teambuilding Event, Friday at 5:00 pm. Dragon boating is not an event just for athletes. Anybody can do it! Rain or shine, this event will be held so please be sure to bring your rain gear. We have put in a request for a gorgeous sunny day, but anything can happen with the weather, especially on the coast. Rowing and paddling offer unique opportunities for people of all ages and abilities to better understand the value of teamwork while engaging in a sport that will challenge and develop the entire body.



After or instead of dragon boating, find one of the many local restaurants to enjoy. Check out the list of tourist attractions in this brochure.



Entertainment

The Doll Sisters, Jenna and Shelby, began performing at gigs in 2007. They started out singing harmonies in the little log church near their family's farm in central Alberta where they were homeschooled and have now performed

for crowds ranging from 6 to 600. The girls' musical style reveals their many influences along the way. When you listen, you will know that each song is carefully prepared and arranged to bring out the very best of what the girls have to offer.

The Doll Sisters are multi-instrumentalists, and seeing them change instruments on stage makes them an interesting couple of ladies to watch creating a fantastic and memorable acoustic experience. You won't believe that there are only two of them on stage!

They have recorded several songs and are hoping by the summer of 2011 to have a full album to present to the world. As a preview, take a peek at www.dollsisters.com.

Schedule

Thursday, September 15, 2011

- 4:00 - 6:00 pm Registration
- 6:00 - 7:00 pm Casual Supper
- 7:00 - 7:30 pm Welcome and Opening Remarks
- 7:30 - 9:00 pm Plenary followed by entertainment

Friday, September 16, 2011

- 8:30 - 9:00 am Devotion and Worship
- 9:00 - 10:00 am Plenary
- 10:00 - 10:30 am Break
- 10:30 - 11:45 am Plenary
- 11:45 - 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm Town Hall Meeting/Youth ice breaker
- 2:00 - 2:30 pm Break
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm Adult and youth workshops
- 5:00 - 6:30 pm UBC Boathouse Dragon Boating
Teambuilding Event for free time,
followed by supper on your own

Saturday, September 17, 2011

- 8:30 - 9:00 am Devotion and Worship
- 9:00 - 10:00 am Plenary
- 10:00 - 10:30 am Break
- 10:30 - 11:30 am Plenary
- 11:30 - 1:00 pm Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm Adult and Youth Workshops
- 2:00 - 2:30 pm Break
- 2:30 - 3:30 pm Adult and Youth Workshops
- 3:30 - 4:00 pm Break
- 4:00 - 5:00 pm Adult and Youth Workshops
- 6:00 - 9:00 pm Closing Banquet

Please Note

- We have designed this conference for adults. No child care is available.
- The entire conference weekend is open only to the adults and youth who have registered for the conference.
- Conference dress is casual and comfortable, with a formal closing banquet on Saturday.
- Schedule, sessions, and speakers are subject to change without notice.

Session topics include:

- Cultural Trends and the Impact on Families
- The Christian History Project
- The Third Wave of Homeschooling Persecution
- A Preschool Homeschool Support Group
- Lessons in Leadership
- Homeschool Court Cases in the Past Year
- Conference Vendors Workshop
- The Future of the Homeschool Conference
- And several more...

Town Hall

The Town Hall discussion will follow up on last year's discussion of the major generational shift that is taking place in the homeschooling community. We will focus on how to reach this new generation of homeschooling parents who think and interact differently from we who have preceded them!

Our Host Facility...

Marriot Vancouver Airport

7571 Westminster Highway
Richmond, BC V6X 1A3

The Vancouver Airport Marriott is located 5 km from the airport. It is across the road from Minoru Park and the Richmond Centre, which is the second largest shopping mall in BC! It is a five minute walk to the Richmond Brighthouse Skytrain station which can take you straight downtown in 20 minutes.

Marriott Reservations toll free: 1-877-323-8888
Please identify yourself as attending the National Leadership Conference.

Website Reservations: www.VancouverAirportMarriott.com

One-Bedroom Suite: \$119 (two queen beds)

Executive Corner Suite: \$139

Parking: \$6 per day

Airport Transportation: Complimentary hotel shuttle

All hotel rooms are smoke free. These special rates will be honoured for three days before and three days after our event if you would like to extend your stay. All guestrooms include a refrigerator. A microwave may be requested. The hotel features a workout room, an outdoor pool and hot tub.

Check-in time: 4:00 pm

Check-out time: 12:00 noon

A limited number of rooms have been set aside for NLC attendees. Please book early for the widest selection and availability of rooms. The hotel is unable to guarantee room availability after **August 10, 2011**.

Conference Planner's note: Bring your bicycle. Biking is a great way to get around the city. The hotel is providing a room for us to store bicycles. You can bike to the off-site event. You can take bicycles on the Skytrain and they can be mounted on the front of city buses. Cycling is the best way to see Stanley Park. Any inquires about this event may be directed to me at nlc@hslca.ca.





Consider extending your stay

Take some time to explore beautiful British Columbia. Most of the following attractions are easily accessible from the Marriott by the Skytrain. Rent a bike at Stanley Park, Steveston Harbour (Richmond) or Bikes on Robson (downtown). Remember, the Skytrain system welcomes cyclists at non rush hour periods.



Vancouver Aquarium in Stanley Park
www.vanaqua.org

Richmond Olympic Oval, the crown jewel of the 2010 Olympic Winter Games
www.richmondoval.com



Stanley Park, 1000 acre oasis next to downtown Vancouver
www.vancouver.ca/parks/parks/stanley

Harbour Cruises, downtown Vancouver
www.boatcruises.com



Hop-On Hop-Off Big Bus Sightseeing, downtown Vancouver
www.bigbus.ca

Whale Watching, Steveston Seabreeze Adventures, Richmond
www.seabreezeadventures.ca



Grouse Mountain, North Vancouver; largest aerial tramway in North America
www.grousemountain.com

Richmond Centre, 240 stores and services
www.richmondcentre.com

Vancouver Lookout, enjoy a 360° bird's eye view of the city
www.vancouverlookout.com

Dr Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden
www.vancouverchinesegarden.com

Steveston Historic Fishing Village, Richmond
www.stevestonvillage.com



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Registration Form

Please complete both sides of this form and return with payment. Registrations will not be confirmed until payment is received.

Adult Registration

Name: *(as it will appear on your name tag)* _____

Spouse (if attending): *(as it will appear on your name tag)* _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Province: _____

Postal Code: _____ E-mail: _____

Phone: _____ FAX: _____

E-mail: _____ Spouse's E-mail: _____

By providing your e-mail addresses, please note that this will become the primary means of contacting you in regards to pre and post conference matters.

Homeschool Organization: _____

Leadership Position(s): _____

Youth Registration *

Name: *(as it will appear on your name tag)* _____ E-mail: _____

Birthdate: ____/____/____ (day/month/year)

Name: *(as it will appear on your name tag)* _____ E-mail: _____

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Birthdate: ____/____/____ (day/month/year)

Special Dietary Needs

Please describe any special dietary needs for any of the above attendees.

* Youth must be 14 years old by December 31, 2011, to participate in the youth program. Youth must be under the care and control of an adult attendee.

