

The 51st Annual Christian Education Conference



**Christian
Education
Conference
2012**

**January 15-18, 2012
Summers Mill Retreat
and Conference Center
Belton, Texas**

Make your

CONNECTIONS

at the 2012 Christian Education Conference

MINISTRY

WITH

CHILDREN

**Connections that Nurture
Faith and Thriving**

Dr. Catherine Stonehouse is dean of the School of Practical Theology and the Orlean Bullard Beeson Professor of Christian Discipleship. Before coming to Asbury Seminary in 1987, Dr. Stonehouse served as general director of Christian Education for the Free Methodist Church of North America. Dr. Stonehouse has served in local churches as Christian education director and then at denominational headquarters. She currently volunteers as a children's worship leader at her church.



Dr. Stonehouse's book, *Joining Children on the Spiritual Journey: Nurturing a Life of Faith*, earned the Choice Outstanding Academic Book Award. She is also author of many leading works in the field of Children and Family Ministry such as: *Children Matter* and *Listening to Children on the Spiritual Journey*.

MINISTRY

WITH

ADULTS

**Does Your Midsize Group Function
as a "Class" or "Community"?**

Steve Lizzio is passionate about making disciples for Jesus! He serves as the Pastor of Adult Ministries at Hope Church in Mason, Ohio (near Cincinnati). His main responsibilities include developing the midsize Communities and Small Group ministries, Discipleship ministries, along with Men's and Women's ministries.



Steve is also the Founder and Director of ABF Resources.com (or midsizegroups.com), a side ministry which allows him to network, consult and equip others in ministry. Steve speaks nationally in a variety of Church ministry conferences and churches on midsize groups/ABFs, Small Groups, Christian Education Leadership and Discipleship Issues. Steve and his wife, Cheri, reside in Mason, Ohio. They have three adult children, Jen, Katie, and Tom.

LEADERSHIP

**Body Life Leadership: Learning
to Steward God's Economy**

Dr. Paul Ford is a leadership and teambuilding specialist committed to helping Christian leaders discover and fulfill who they are in Christ. His ministry has worked with more than 50 denominational and mission groups, 800 individual churches, and 10,000+ Christian leaders. Paul is deeply committed to his wife Julie and son Stephen at home in Albuquerque, NM. Paul and Julie are an active part of *Church Resource Ministries*.



More and more of Paul's focus today is training the Christian leader to become an effective steward of his or her ministry identity, and then help to steward the ministry identities of his/her ministry team. Called the "Leadership 3-Step" (leader to team to church / mission), Paul strategically ties together the stewardship process of leader, ministry team, and church or mission. All three are key in fulfilling the Great Commission, and leaders all over the world, from Russia to Korea to Kazakhstan to Mexico to Hungary, are responding to this training process. He also assists ministries in re-engineering their values from an "I" driven culture to a "We" culture.

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Sunday, January 15

- 3:00 pm Registration and Check-In
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:00 Worship
- 7:30 Opening Session
- 8:30 Group Connections

Monday, January 16

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 8:30 Devotional and Large Group Session
- 9:30 Workshops
Choose between three tracks: Children's, Adults, Leadership
Presentations
Q&A Times
Group Sharing and Processing
- 12 noon Lunch
- 1:30 pm Workshops Continue
- 2:30 Free Time / Personal Renewal *
- 4:00 Resource Connections
Each conference participant is asked to bring one idea he/she has used in the past couple of years that has proven especially helpful in ministry. Handouts are encouraged.
- 5:30 Supper
- 6:30 Table Connections
- 8:00 CEA Membership Meeting

Tuesday, January 17

- 7:30 am Breakfast
- 8:30 Devotional and Large Group Session
- 9:30 Workshops
Workshops continue from previous day's sessions. Choose the same or a different track.
Presentations
Q&A Times
Group Sharing and Processing
- 12 noon Lunch
- 1:30 pm Workshops Continue
- 2:30 Free Time / Personal Renewal *
- 6:30 "Excellence in Christian Education" Award Banquet

Wednesday, January 18

- 8:30 am Praise and Worship
- 9:30 Concluding Session
- 10:30 Conference Concludes

* For your free time this year, enjoy one of the designated hiking trails at the site. Take part in a friendly game of horseshoes, basketball, volleyball or shuffleboard. A game room is available for cards, dominoes, board games, ping pong and air hockey. Or spend some personal time renewing yourself with God in prayer and Bible study.

Terry Davis is a graduate of Harding University. He earned both his Bachelor's and Master's degrees from there. He prides himself as being a bus ministry kid that continues to love the Lord. He currently works for Greater Atlanta Christian School as Director of Junior High Missions and serves as the High School and Junior High chorus teacher, while also teaching video editing classes for macbooks. He also works part time with East Cobb Church of Christ, Marietta GA as their worship leader.



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Jim Martin has been the preaching minister for Crestview Church of Christ in Waco, TX, since 1992. Jim studied at Heritage Christian University and Abilene Christian

University, then received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, TN. His experience includes ministry in a small town, a large city, and a medium-sized university community. In addition to serving the Crestview church and the Waco community, Jim has led a number of mentoring groups in several states. These groups were made up of ministers who served in variety of roles. Jim is husband to Charlotte, father to Christine and Jamie, father-in-law to Phillip and Calvin, and grandfather to Brody.

Register now for the conference!

Follow the registration links at www.cec2012-connections.com.

You may register online or print out a form and mail it in.

**Early Bird Registration Discount
(by December 19)**

\$275 - Primary Participant
\$200 - Additional Participant
\$175 - Spouse of Participant
\$150 - 1st Time Participant
\$150 - Student
\$150 - 1-Day Registration

**Regular Registration
(after December 19)**

\$325 - Primary Participant
\$250 - Additional Participant
\$225 - Spouse of Participant
\$175 - 1st Time Participant
\$150 - Student
\$150 - 1-Day Registration

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Lodging and all meals Sunday night through Wednesday morning during the conference are covered in one low fee of \$260 per participant. (Lodging and meals during a typical conference at a hotel can run anywhere from \$350-\$450 per person.) Send in your housing request using the form available from the CEC 2012 website.

For updated information about the conference, go to www.cec2012-connections.com.

Also check out the website for the Christian Education Association at www.christianeducator.org.

The Christian Education Conference is sponsored by



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The Christian Education Association is a network of ministry professionals and volunteers providing support and interaction among those who serve the kingdom of God through teaching. There is strength and encouragement in being connected with others who face the same challenges and struggles you do on a daily basis, and the CEA is that connection for you. **The Association exists** to equip those involved in the teaching ministry of the church and to work effectively through contact with thoughts, ideas, and practices, both from within and beyond *a capella* churches of Christ. Those involved in CEA include education ministers, children's ministers, involvement ministers, family life ministers, youth ministers, elders and deacons of education, Bible class teachers, college professors, and other Christian leaders.