Northeast Staff Changes

As of July 1st of this year, Dr. John Storey will be transitioning to a new role with ACSI. While continuing as ACSI Northeast Regional Director, he will assume the position of ACSI Assistant Vice-President for Professional Development. In this role, Dr. Storey will work with staff, school leaders and experts in professional development to determine how best to provide high-quality professional development to Christian schools and educators.

To facilitate this change, Dr. Lynn Swaner has been hired as the Northeast Assistant Director for Accreditation. Dr. Swaner comes to ACSI with years of experience in higher education and Christian school leadership. Currently, Dr. Swaner is the Academic Dean at Smithtown Christian School (Smithtown, NY) and will continue in that role on a part-time basis. As an elected member of the Northeast Regional Accreditation Commission, Dr. Swaner has gained valuable experience in accreditation and has shown a level of commitment, professionalism and collegiality that you will come to appreciate as you get to know her.

Please be praying about these changes and feel free to communicate with us in the Northeast Office should you have any questions about this information.
Save The Dates: October 15-16, 2015!

ACSI NEXUS is premier professional development that promotes research-based and relevant instruction within a community context of Christian school educators. It is expected that over 15,000 Christian school educators will gather at 100 locations for NEXUS 2015, and we want you to be there!

Featured presenters, which are highly engaging and experts in their fields, include:

Dr. Dan Egeler,
Dr. Eric Metaxas,
Cynthia Tobias,
Dr. Kevin Washburn,
and more! See the entire listing on the ACSI website.

Woodstream Christian Academy, in Mitchellville, MD, will serve as the live NEXUS site!

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Early registration cost (before Oct. 6): $95.00
Registration (after Oct. 6): $115.00
This price not only includes both days of NEXUS but a one-year access to ConNEXUS Premium, approximately 500 hours of online professional development.

Nexus Registration opens July 1!

**Staff Development**

**Time to Schedule Staff Development in August!**

The regional office is equipped to support your staff with premier staff development for your August in-service.

Some of the topics available include:

**Freedom From Bullying: Courage, Character & Leadership for Life**
Resilience Among Learners
Using Data for More Than a Grade
Developing a Positive School Culture
Biblical Integration
Differentiating Instruction

And More!
Schools may also request a topic that corresponds to their professional development plan. To schedule an event, or to discuss details, contact David Hegedus at david_hegedus@acsi.org or 717.285.3022.

Mark Your Calendars for 2015-16 School Year
2015
October 15-16, 2015  NEXUS Live
Middle School Leadership Conferences:
October 23—Butler, PA; October 26—Shiremanstown, PA; October 28—Philadelphia, PA; October 29—Piscataway, NJ; October 30—Lexington, MA
November 22-24 High School Leadership Conference
2016
January 28-29, Administrator’s Board Conference
March 3-4, Early Education Conference, Lancaster, PA
March 11, Early Education Conference, Holden, MA

ACSI Children’s Tuition Fund of Pennsylvania
EITC/OSTC Training & Seminars: Schedule an EITC/OSTC training for your school personnel, or an informational seminar with potential participating businesses, by contacting Catherine Long at Catherine_long@acsi.org. Small and large group presentations are available as well.

Student Activities
The Problem
High school students with immeasurable potential and passion, but little direction or purpose.

A Solution
Present a biblical response to real stories of injustice and suffering at a high-energy student leadership conference. Leave the conference with an action plan driven by the students’ passions, directed by their assets, and focused by their understanding of their God-given responsibility in this world.

What Others Are Saying
“Such a high-quality, well-planned event. Every aspect is meaningful and intentional!” – The King’s Christian Academy

“Exceptionally done! This was our first time and it exceeded all expectations.” – Grove Christian School
“This is timely for the students. Speakers know what is happening in today’s culture and speak to them at their level.” – Cornerstone Academy

Check Out the Details
You can find the details for the Redemption Everyday Conference at www.redemptioneveryday.weebly.com. Registration is now open to all ACSI schools across the country!!

CAPE Outlook

April an Abundant Month for Parent Choice

May 1, 2015 -- As it brought nature to abundant life, April brought hope to children, with legislatures in six states approving measures to expand the right of parents to choose their child’s school.

Lawmakers in Arizona, Arkansas, Mississippi, Montana, Nevada, and Tennessee thrust the school choice movement into warp drive with an impressive mix of new programs, including education savings accounts, vouchers, tax credits, and tax-credit scholarships. Except for Montana, all the bills have been, or likely will be, signed into law.

The flurry of legislative activity this spring will bring to 24 the number of states with private school choice programs, not counting town "tuitioning" programs in Maine and Vermont or scholarship programs in the District of Columbia and Douglas County, Colorado.

Find out more about the abundant April in the May issue of CAPE Outlook.

Membership Fees for 2015-16

For budgeting purposes, please be aware of the following membership rates for the 2015-16 school year. Membership renewal will take place on July 1, with current member schools receiving an electronic renewal message. Please note that the fees will increase as of October 1, 2015.

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**Stand-Alone Early Education Programs**

School Fee of $70.00 School Fee is required, in addition to the appropriate student fee noted.

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**US Department of Education Office of Non-Public Education**

**America’s PrepareAthon!**

The Office of Non-Public Education (ONPE) and the Office of Safe and Healthy Students (OSHS) are teaming up to make sure that the nonpublic school community is prepared to respond to disasters if and when they strike. As such, we invite you to participate in the 2015 National PrepareAthon! Days, which are scheduled for April 30 and September 30 this year. The PrepareAthon! is an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and communities to prepare for specific hazards through drills, group discussions, and exercises that target one of the six hazards that are the focus of the April 30 Day of Action.

**FREE Software for Developing School Emergency Operations Plans**

The Readiness and Emergency Management for Schools (REMS) Technical Assistance (TA) Center recently released a free, web-accessible software application **EOP ASSIST** to help school administrators, including those in private schools, and emergency management personnel create or revise their Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs). This user-friendly application walks school and district emergency management personnel through the six-step planning process for creating a customized school EOP recommended in the **Guide for Developing High-Quality School Emergency Operations Plans**.

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**ACSI National News**

**New Executive Board Members**

It’s a great pleasure to introduce three new ACSI executive board members. As current heads of ACSI member schools, they will represent you and make us stronger together. Read more about them today.

**“Understanding the Times” Goes Digital**

ACSI Purposeful Design’s high school Bible curriculum, “Understanding the Times,” is now available in digital form. Designed as a one- or two-semester course, this sequential, discussion-based curriculum introduces compelling and helpful ways of thinking about the world. Learn more about this classic invitation to the study of worldviews.

**Renew Your Membership in July and Save!**

ACSI membership renewal for the 2015/16 school year will begin July 1. Renew early using the online system so
you can receive a full year of benefits and services! Early renewal will allow you to save on both the school fee and the student fee, but you must fill out the form and pay before September 30 to receive the special rates. For more information contact Membership Services or your regional office.

**Announcements**

**ACSI Educator Professional Liability Program**
If an educator purchases ACSI Educator Professional Liability Insurance in May or June, he or she will receive an early bird rate of $79 (a 20 percent discount). The policy covers the 2015/2016 school year. Learn more and [sign up now](#)!

**ACSI Leadership U**
Schools rise or fall based on leadership. So how do you, as a newly appointed head of school or aspiring Christian school leader, prepare yourself for the challenge? ACSI is launching a mentoring program this summer, ACSI Leadership U, that will provide participants with theoretical constructs and practical implementation opportunities to do just that. Applications are available from your regional office and on the [ACSI website](#).

**NEXUS 2015 Faculty Announced**
Check out the list of great speakers for NEXUS 2015! The dates are: NEXUS October: October 15–16 and NEXUS November: November 23–24. Registration opens July 1.

**Purposeful Design Elementary Mathematics**
Provide effective mathematics instruction for your students and prepare them to go beyond computational skills to concept mastery, life application, and higher-order problem solving. [Learn more](#) about ACSI Purposeful Design Mathematics and its revision content and schedule.

**Spring Forward 2015**
It’s back—Spring Forward 2015! ACSI member schools receive exclusive benefits when ordering Purposeful Design textbooks in April, May, and June. [Learn more](#).

**ACSI Announces Two New Ministry Partners**
ACSI is pleased to announce that Relational Wisdom 360 (RW360) is a new ministry partner. RW360, based out of Billings, Montana, specializes in relational and peacemaking skills training and consulting. For more information, contact [Relational Wisdom 360](#) or email Ken Sande. Live Fully is another new ministry partner. Based out of Lilburn, Georgia, Live Fully provides schools with a transformational Bible curriculum (available through Purposeful Design Publications) and student leadership training. For more information, visit their [website](#) or contact Brian Burchik.

**Events**

**Webinar: Budgeting Strategies**
You’re invited to a complimentary webinar, “Building Effective Planning and Budgeting Strategies,” with ACSI Controller/CPA Bret Wichert. [Register now](#) for this May 6 event at 1:00 p.m. MST.

**Webinars: The Book of Jonah**
Join John Beck, history teacher at Heritage Christian Academy, for a historical analysis and scriptural examination of the book of Jonah. You’ll gain a greater understanding of the context and application of truth found in this Bible story. This webinar is a three part series: June 2, 3, and 4 at 10 a.m. MT each day. Attend all three sessions and earn .5 a Bible CEU! Register using these links: June 2: [Part 1](#). June 3: [Part 2](#). June 4: [Part 3](#). Can’t attend the live webinars? The recordings of these and all past ACSI NEXUS webinars are in ConNEXUS Premium!
Leadership Academy
ACSI Leadership Academy is taking place July 9–12 at the Cheyenne Mountain Resort in Colorado Springs. You won’t want to miss keynote speaker Dr. John Dickson, who will explore the connection between humility and leadership. In addition, there is a full complement of small-group sessions on board governance and leadership, marketing and fund development, and instructional leadership, plus roundtables for international schools. Learn more or register now!

ACSI International Job Fair
ACSI Global announces the 23rd annual International School Job Fair. The fair is tentatively set for November 3–11, 2015, in Chicago and Grand Rapids at well-renowned Christian universities. Registration will open in May.

You're invited to the
International Institute for Christian School Educators (IICSE)
July 12-16, 2015
Presented by the Lowrie Center at Columbia International University Columbia, SC
For over four decades the IICSE has served Christian schools around the world by offering annual staff development for both administrators and teachers. With an emphasis on the knowledge, skills and dispositions that are needed to accomplish the mission of Christian schools, the IICSE focuses its primary training on preparing new administrators and teachers. Utilizing the faculty of Columbia International University, the four-day event is sure to not only prepare but also motivate delegates for the year ahead. This year's guest lecturer is Dr. Glen Schultz, author of Kingdom Education.

The IICSE will also offer two special courses for returning delegates and the more experienced colleagues that might accompany new staff. This year's courses include Kingdom Education taught by Glen Schultz and Biblical Integration taught by Dr. Milton Uecker and Dr. Debbie Moore. Please follow the registration link below to access registration options and more details concerning the 2015 schedule.

Early Bird discounts available now through May 1, 2015!
The IICSE trains and prepares new administrators and teachers for their unique roles within the Christian school. The 2015 IICSE will offer a leadership development track and a teacher development track taught by guest lecturers and CIU faculty.

To register click here or for the Institute, visit www.lowriecenter.com
Questions: Call 803-807-5381 or email lowriecenter@ciu.edu

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