



ACSI Early Education Leaders' Summit – Lancaster

8:00 Registration Opens

8:30 Opening & Session 1 - Reigniting the Passion for Leadership

Dr. Althea Penn

In today's volatile, uncertain, complex, and ambiguous (VUCA) world, Christian school leaders must adapt and rise to the challenges created by ever-changing circumstances. In this session, participants will fan the flames of their intrinsic strengths and strategic skills needed to lead with agility. You will also work to improve your ability to influence both within your school and externally to cast and accomplish your school's purpose. By the end of this session, you will have gained a new level of confidence to better impact your stakeholders. Leaders are also encouraged to subscribe to the Early Education Leader Network and Early Education Leader Connect. These professional learning communities meet monthly to explore the most urgent leadership topics pertaining to Christian early education.

10:15 Break

10:30 Session 2 - Leading Programs to Flourish through Engagement

Carol Aversa and Dr. Merle Skinner

This session helps school leaders discover ways to engage in school improvement that will strengthen the school towards flourishing and continue on the path toward excellence. Additionally, participants will learn about opportunities to serve beyond their school walls to impact the community and engage in public policy.

12:00 Lunch (Fresh Salad and Homemade Soup Buffet Included)

12:30 Session 3 - Blessed or Stressed – A Look at the Well-Being of the Leader

Jeannie Forrest

Would you say you are more stressed than feeling blessed? Stress is a key factor that impacts the flourishing of both you as a leader and your impact on those you influence. Is it possible to balance work and life to include quality time with family and friends? Through this interactive session, participants will gain insights into the impact of stress on their health and productivity, learn techniques to promote well-being and develop skills to cope with stress effectively. By the end of the training, participants will be equipped with actionable steps to enhance their overall well-being and lead a more balanced and fulfilling work life leading to flourishing.

2:00 Break

2:15 Session 4 - Communication – The Key to a Successful Team

Dr. Cindy Barnum

How do you speak so that others listen? Can you identify the speaking and listening styles of your team? How can you support everyone to communicate clearly and effectively? We'll look at team dynamics and discuss strategies for helping everyone "get along" and work together toward the mission.

3:30 Summit Ends