



Fellow International Christian Educator,

This Snapshot will be short. Lately our energies have gone to several major projects: creating a supplemental report on the International School Response to COVID-19 survey, completing the new PFO2Go online course, and figuring out how to do international accreditation in this COVID environment. More on all those projects below.

I do hope and pray a part of your summer looks something like this: “The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul” (Psalm 23:1-3, NIV). May you find some green pastures and quiet water moments this summer.

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EVENTS

- **PFO2Go.** PFO2Go, ACSI Global’s new anytime, anywhere online course, should launch sometime next week. Heads will be alerted by email as soon as it launches. Schools will be able to register their PFO2Go learners and start immediately. The course is designed for one advisor from each school to lead their learners through the course at a pace set by the advisor. Advisors will be given access to the complete course free of charge and earn CEUs for advising.
- **Virtual Fair.** With the “iffy-ness” of our live job fairs, we have gone ahead and signed a contract with [CareerFairsPlus](#) to host a **Virtual Job Fair** this **17-18 November 2020**. There are a lot of advantages associated with going virtual, with the top one being accessibility to job seekers across North America and beyond. There really are no limits to the scope of this fair. We are excited that we have the full support of ACSI’s Communications and Marketing department to assist in getting the word out everywhere. Details will be forthcoming.
- **Live Job Fairs.** The annual live [International School Job Fair](#) is still on the calendar for 5-13 November 2020. We are hearing colleges are setting strict protocols for everyone on campus this fall and this will certainly impact our

fairs, to say nothing about international travel. In other words, do not purchase your airline tickets yet. We will review this again in August.

- [ICEC Africa in Rwanda](#) is still tentatively planned for 28-31 March 2021.
- [International School Leaders Conference](#) is on the calendar for 25–27 April 2021. We have a binding a contract with the hotel in Dubrovnik for this gathering.
- Save the date: **ICEC Asia**, 24-27 November 2021. Details to be confirmed.

ACCREDITATION UPDATE – Tim Thompson

In this age of COVID, uncertainties abound, but the one certainty is that accreditation team visits for 2020-2021 will all be virtual. For many reasons (likely quarantines being at the top of the list), there will be no on-site visits unless there are significant changes in our current world situation. We are finalizing plans and a process for conducting virtual visits and will be in touch with schools very soon. Virtual or not, the need for team members is just as great. Without volunteer peer educators to serve on accreditation teams, visits cannot occur. Please seriously consider serving on a team if called upon – and if you're interested in serving on a team, please let us know of your interest by sending an email to accreditation_international@acsi.org.

RESOURCES & IDEAS

- The [International School Response to COVID-19 Survey Supplementary Report](#) is now completed. Among other things, we learned that our international school members responded very nimbly and rapidly to the pandemic. The report also shows some challenges facing international Christian schools that are unique in comparison to their US sister schools. You will need to have the [US Christian Schools and COVID-19 Report](#) handy to fully understand the international supplement.
- Membership Renewal begins this month. To ensure your 20/21 invoice is correct, log in to your account and update your student enrollment numbers under [School Demographics and Roster](#) before July 20 when invoices will be sent. Your renewal will be active through 9/30/2021. Contact [ACSI Care Team](#) if you have questions concerning renewal.
- [REGISTER HERE](#) to participate in ACSI's online learning series Student Engagement in Distance Learning with [Dr. David Mulder](#), Dordt University. Each session costs \$10USD for members.

July 14 – Student Engagement in Distance Learning

July 16 – Designing for Learning in the Online Classroom

July 21 – Creating Instructional Media

July 23 – Authentic Assessment in the Online Classroom

- ACSI is holding a [BOOK CLUB](#) this summer! Join Rex Miller and ACSI on a 5-week, stress-free book club: July 9, 16, 23, 30, and August 6. You will work through Miller's book, [WHOLE, What Teachers Need to Help Students Thrive](#). Click on the book link to download the first chapter for free.
- This Fall, ACSI USA is moving their PD Forums to a virtual platform. This means that you can participate wherever you are if you are willing to join their time zones. International schools in Latin America are ideally positioned to participate. The theme of the PD Forums is Understanding Well-Being. Learn all about the PD Forums [here](#).

- Be sure to check out the 30 June ACSI Blog post [Reopening School: A Matrix for Decision-Making](#) by Erin Wilcox, Assistant VP for Academic Services at ACSI. Did you know that Erin taught at two international schools, Dalat International School in Malaysia and Alliance Academy International in Ecuador?
 - Finally, be sure to check out the CPX Life&Faith podcast [Ode to Teachers](#). You will be blessed.
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