



Message from your Regional Director

Fellow International Christian Educator,

It's summer break for almost all of you. I know there are some schools in the northern hemisphere that meet throughout the northern summer months (I'm thinking of Japan mostly), and based upon the lack of email activity in our inboxes it seems that many international school leaders and faculty rightfully took time off as soon as possible. Therefore, we are going to keep this summer edition a bit shorter and concentrate on coming events in 2021/2022, plus a few interesting links.

Before that, I want to direct your hearts to this short post by Susan Lafferty entitled, "[What If](#)". Many of you will relate to Susan's thoughts on the well-known international experience of transition and fear. Susan is an MK/TCK, former-M, and now writer. See her full bio [here](#).

To close, I commend this beautiful song to you by Steph McCleod and Celtic Worship & Friends, [Amazing Grace/He is Lord](#).

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ (2 Cor 1:2).

Tim S

"May you feel the joy of God's face shining on you because he is happy to be with you!" - Wilder and Hendricks in [The Other Half of Church](#).

Tim Shuman for the [International School Team](#)

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Coming Up

- We are really excited to announce that we have just added two new optional components to our [PFO2Go](#) (PreField Orientation) online course – a Teacher Track and a Boarding Track. These two pieces will take you into deeper discussions with those new to teaching in an overseas Christian school or new to the world of boarding. These are included at no additional cost. If you've already taken PFO2Go you can go back and pick up the tracks.
- Leaders, if you have questions about what PFO2Go is or how it can help you with the orientation of your incoming staff check out our new [Course FAQs](#) page. As of today, we have over 110 new staff from international schools taking the course. As always, the course available anytime, anywhere. [REGISTER HERE](#).
- [Job Fairs 2021/22](#). Please plan to join us for our in-person job-fair tour and our two virtual job fairs.
 - **In-person Fairs** will be held on the campuses of Grand Canyon University, Liberty University, and Baylor University this fall.
 - Grand Canyon University: 1-2 November
 - Liberty University: 4-5 November
 - Baylor University: 8-9 November
 - **Fall Virtual Job Fair** is **16-17 November 2021**.
 - **Winter Virtual Job Fair** is **1-2 March 2022**.
- The recent **FSI (Flourishing School Institute)** [held in Dallas](#) was a success. It was great for us to see and meet several of you international leaders who attended. The next FSI event will be held in Orlando, Florida on 1-3 November 2021. Learn more [here](#).
- Be sure to set aside the dates of 25-26 November for [VIRTUAL ICEC Asia](#) (International Christian Educator Conference) for your teacher PD days. ICEC will be held LIVE over two days and accessible across several Asian time zones covering schools from Kazakhstan to Papua New Guinea. We will be bringing you engaging and inspiring keynote speakers, small-group discussions (virtual and local), and a myriad of excellent LIVE teacher-to-teacher workshops wherever you are.
- ACSI is organizing [Converge](#), The Premier Global Conference for Leaders in Christian Education. Converge will be held on 8-10 March in San Diego, California. International leaders are highly encouraged to join us. We will facilitate a gathering of international leaders at this event. Learn more [here](#).
- We are pleased to announce that [ICEC Europe](#) **will be held in-person in Prague, CZ on 8-9 April 2022**. Our International Christian Educator Conference (ICEC) speaker lineup and all other details will be shared ASAP. We anticipate holding our event in the historic International Hotel Prague. Please plan on participating. *Hold the dates on your school calendar.*

Resources

- Many of you will recognize the leaders and international Christian schools mentioned in this Christianity Today article. Please share this one widely with your supporters and prayer partners. [Will Christians Teaching Abroad Be Able to Go Back to School?](#)
- This recent ACSI blog post, [How to Effectively Lead a Multi-Generational Staff](#), indicates that, “Your school likely has a healthy representation across three different generations—it is one of the things that makes academic institutions unique and dynamic.” This is a leadership challenge.
- I enjoyed reading this Forbes article about Oaks Christian School in California (ACSI Member) that [Reimages Their Education Model](#) by instituting “individual learning pathways” approach to their education model.
- Many of your students and staff are European, I do hope that you are tracking with the good work of our friends of [EuroTCK](#). Be sure to sign up for their [Educare](#) publication.
- The ACSI Europe [Student Leadership Conference 2021](#) is coming up this fall. Student leaders from your international school are welcome to attend this wonderful national event.
- “Being busy is not a badge of honor.” [The Impact of saying, “I’m so busy”](#). Oops, I do this, anyone else?
- [The Feedback Fallacy](#) or “Why feedback rarely does what it’s meant to do”. This is a very interesting read that could be worth discussing among your colleagues.
- Check out the latest [International Teacher Magazine](#).
- Check out the latest [International School Leader Magazine](#).
- Where does your current country of residence rank on the [Global Happiness Levels in 2021](#)? Do you agree with these findings?
- [3D Mapping the Largest Population Density Centers](#). Wow. No wonder so many of our international schools are located in Asia.
- [The Most and Least Powerful Passports](#). What is yours worth?
- Art teachers, this might be a fun and affordable project to include in your plans. I found this post of [Creased and Twisted Paper](#) to be mesmerizing.
- Any Medieval history teachers out there? You might need this map: [Fascinating Map of Medieval Europe](#). Another wow.
- This artist has a great answer to the ubiquitous question, what did you do during the pandemic? See [Waves of Dead Wood on a forest floor](#). Wish I could have seen it in person.

- Lego was a big deal in our home, obviously we could have done more with our boys. [Lego Madman Builds Beijing's Forbidden City.](#)
- [I love this little video](#) out of Turkey about the people in one neighborhood that learned sign language so they could talk to one of their deaf neighbors. Grab a tissue. What are you doing to reach your neighbors?
- English Learner Professional Development Courses at Messiah University. Messiah University is providing two online courses for practicing teachers, one each semester, for a year-long professional development emphasis on meeting the needs of English Learners (ELs) in K-12 schools. EDME 547, a two-credit course, will occur during the first (fall) semester. Through this course teachers will learn about Second Language Acquisition (SLA) in school, and strategies used to help ELs learn both language and content. In the second semester (spring), EDME 548, a one-credit course, will provide teachers with the opportunity to apply their learning through lesson planning and observed teaching, within a supportive context of dialogue and mentorship. Both courses can be applied to Messiah's Master of Education and/or TESOL certificate programs. For more information or to register for the courses, contact Dr. Jan Dormer at jdormer@messiah.edu

Headship Openings Only

- Asuncion Christian Academy, Paraguay. [Learn more here.](#)
- Caspian Academy, Azerbaijan. [Learn more here.](#)
- Evangelical Christian School, Spain. Coming soon.
- Greater Lisbon Christian Academy, Portugal. [Learn more here.](#)
- Holy Lands Ministry Schools, Israel. [Learn more here.](#)
- Ukarumpa International Academy, Papua New Guinea. [Learn more here.](#)

Be sure to check our list of [member schools' vacancy pages](#) as well as the [ACSI Job Board](#).



“I’ve never been prouder of Christian Education than in the past 18 months. You’ve lead the way. You’ve been a beacon.” –Dr. Larry Taylor, ACSI President at FSi Dallas

What a joy it was to see many educators in person in Dallas in June for the launch of the Flourishing Schools Institute (FSi)! Over 113 schools from 6 countries were represented at this premiere global experience. Educators came away encouraged with positive steps forward to creating a stronger school community based on the Flourishing School Culture Model. There is quite a buzz about our next Institute in Orlando this November. Make plans now at [acsi.org/fsi](https://www.acsi.org/fsi).

Another exciting upcoming opportunity to learn more about the Flourishing School Culture Model domain of relationships is at the [one-day ACSI event before Converge on March 8](#).

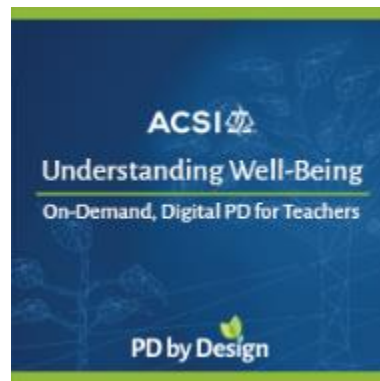


God designed us for relationship. Explore how to foster stronger relationships in your school community to create a caring environment that promotes flourishing the way God intends at the ACSI one-day event at COVERGE March 8. Perfect for all school leadership levels, glean deeper understanding of the relationship domain (part of ACSI’s Flourishing School Culture Model) and best practices utilizing ACSI’s Communities of Practice approach combining engaging learning, discussion and action planning. Register today at: [acsi.org/designedtoflourish](https://www.acsi.org/designedtoflourish).



Advance Christ-centered education with greater health and excellence in the upcoming FY21/22 school year with the ACSI Flourishing School Culture Instrument (FSCI). Using a dynamic online platform, the FSCI—based on rigorous research in Christian schools, and independently validated through Cardus Education—measures culture-level strengths and opportunities for growth by surveying seven distinct groups in your school community. Then, participate in the Flourishing School Institute to dig deeper and develop a transformational action plan using your data. Sign up with our research team now and save \$200 on the FSCI administration using promo code FSCI200.

Go here to sign up: <https://www.acsi.org/flourishing-school-culture/sign-up>.



Create a professional development opportunity for your team on ["Understanding Well-being"](#) with PD By Design. It's 6 hours of flexible training to encourage and equip your teachers with CEUs available. Choose a date and schedule that works for your school and advance Christ-centered education with excellence.





Converge Global Leadership Summit

Register now and save until September 30 with special early bird pricing for the Converge Global Christian School Leadership Summit in San Diego March 8-10, 2022.

Visit <https://converge.education/> for more information.

There's a free 10-hour professional development for Christian educators on teaching worldviews, culture, and culture engagement. [Begin today](#) and earn CEU credits.



Please share your feedback with us by taking the 2021 [ACSI Membership Survey](#). Respond by July 12 to be entered into a drawing offering 5 prizes of \$100 each. This information will help us serve you better in the coming year. Take a few moments to share your thoughts at your.acsi.org/2021survey.



Bring your students to the 2021 ACSI High School Student Leadership Experience in Washington D.C. on November 21-23. Learn about how Christians should respond to human suffering such as poverty, abortion, human trafficking, and more before creating a service project plan to activate in your own school or community. Register now through September 15 at www.redemptioneveryday.com.

For more information and program updates, please visit the [Student Activities website](#).



Join us this summer as we read through *Rethinking Discipleship* together and talk with author Alan Pue on Zoom along the way.

Read more at your.acsi.org/bookclub.





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Join a panel of experienced teachers and WORLD Watch staff for practical applications and get your questions answered. Access one of our live, 20-minute webinars starting on July 8th at worldwatch.news/schools.

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