

National Conference & AGM 2022

'Heritage and Hope'

14-15 May 2022, Canberra

PROGRAM

Saturday 14 May

9:00am	Conference Commences Welcome & opening remarks Singing
9:25am	Biblical Reflection – Luke Pereira – <i>Seasonal Wisdom</i>
9:45am	Keynote – Sam Burrows - <i>How Did We Get Here? The Undercurrents in the Western Mind</i>
10:45am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11:15am	Keynote – Tim Van Soelen - <i>Stewards of an incredibly sacred trust</i>
12:15pm	CEN Updates
12:30pm	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30pm	Keynote – Ed Noot - <i>Exiles: Christian Education in a Secular Pluralist Society</i>
2:45pm	<i>Afternoon Tea</i>
3:15pm	Annual General Meeting Hosted by Board Chair, Gerry Beimers
7:00pm	Conference Dinner (onsite) Stories of Heritage and Hope

Sunday 15 May

9:00am	Welcome Singing
9:25am	Biblical Reflection – Luke Pereira - <i>Storied Wisdom</i>
9:45am	Workshops <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vanessa Cheng & Dylan Turner – <i>AACS Updates</i> 2. Ed Noot - <i>Sexuality and Gender: Doctrine and Discipleship (or policy and care)</i>
10:45am	<i>Morning Tea</i>
11:15am	Keynote – Tim Van Soelen – <i>Itchy Ears</i>
12:15pm	Conference close
12:30pm	<i>[Optional bus departs for the airport]</i>



PRESENTERS

Tim Van Soelen - Executive Director, the Center for the Advancement of Christian Education



Tim Van Soelen serves as the executive director of the Center for the Advancement of Christian Education (CACE). Tim is also a professor of education at Dordt University, teaching courses in Educational Leadership, Philosophy of Education, and Research Methods to graduate and undergraduate education majors. Prior to teaching at Dordt, he served as the principal/CEO of Calvin Christian School in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, as an assistant principal for Redlands Christian School in Redlands, California, and a middle school math and computer teacher in Redlands. Tim has his undergraduate degree from Dordt University and advanced degrees from Azusa Pacific University and the University of South Dakota.

Ed Noot - Executive Director, Society of Christian Schools in BC, Canada



Ed loves his family, friends, food, golf and ice hockey. He passionately believes that Christian education is as relevant and necessary today as it ever has been, and it brings him great joy to serve in an organization that seeks to help Christian schools flourish. Ed has been blessed with amazing leadership opportunities throughout his career and has learned lessons on each leadership journey. He serves as the Executive Director of the Society of Christian Schools in British Columbia, a vibrant organization that serves some 38 schools across that province. As well as being responsible for the organization as a whole, his duties focus on leadership, governance, policy development, and interfacing with associated organizations such as Federation of Independent School Associations, Christian Schools Canada, Christian Schools International.

Sam Burrows – Lecturer, Laidlaw College, New Zealand



Sam Burrows is a lecturer of education in the School of Social Practice, teaching theology and education papers. He has a broad range of teaching experience in New Zealand schools including a role as deputy principal at Horizon School in Snells Beach. He is currently completing his Masters of Theology at Laidlaw focusing on the trends within current New Zealand spirituality.

Luke Pereira – Church Pastor - Springwood Presbyterian Churches



Luke is an ex-student and teacher in CEN schools and continues to be involved as a parent and board member. He has completed a Bachelor of Education and a Bachelor of Divinity and is now working in a pastoral role at Springwood Presbyterian Churches. In partnership with his wife, Emma, and their three boys, Luke is passionate about seeing God's people equipped for living with wisdom and faith in an increasingly complex world. Luke enjoys golf, board games and enjoying conversation with people around coffee tables.