



Regional Newsletter

Advancing the Kingdom of God Through Christian Education

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The Threats that Come with Success and How to Deal with Them

“For every 100 people who can stand the test of adversity, one can stand the test of prosperity.”

Thomas Carlyle

The membership statistics for ACSI Eastern Canada are now in—and they’re pretty good, maybe even a bit “impressive.” All members from last year re-joined (they did in the previous year too) and 4 new school became members. In Ontario, 67% of elementary and high schools have increased their enrolments by over 15 students each while in an additional 5%, enrolment remained unchanged. In the Maritimes 78% of schools saw their enrolments grow by almost 18 students each on average.

That raises three genuine and, very serious concerns:

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Redeemer Expands and Upgrades Health and Life Sciences Labs

ACSI member, Redeemer University, has secured \$400,000 in donations dedicated to the expansion and upgrades of its health and life sciences labs, including a new pathology research lab, a new aquatic toxicology lab, a renewed chemistry lab and an expanded human kinetics lab.

“It is exciting to see donors sharing the vision of a strong set of science programs,” saacting vice president, academic and dean of sciences, “that prepare students for work in environmental and human health, biochemistry and kinesiology — some of the fastest-growing fields of employment, and areas in which we believe Redeemer students are equipped to make God-honouring, lasting impacts.”

In the pathology research lab, Redeemer’s first to meet biosafety level 2 requirements, students and faculty will safely study bacteria and viruses and the response of immune systems to them. In the aquatic

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toxicology lab, Redeemer students will conduct new types of research with fish. In the growing health sciences programs, students and faculty will take on increasingly sophisticated monitoring in the human kinetics lab of the impacts of aging, blood flow and physical activity.

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2017-18 ACSI Eastern Canada Members' School Enrolment Statistics

Elementary and High Schools

Ontario: All forty-three 2016/2017 member schools re-joined ACSI and one new school came on board.

- 28 schools increased in enrolment compared to last year by over 15 students on average
- In two schools, enrolment remained unchanged
- 12 schools saw enrolment decline on average by 7.6 students
- one new school joined serving 44 students
- Overall enrolment in our 43 Ontario member schools including the addition of new member increased by 339 students
- Total member elementary and high school students in Ontario 5704, an increase of 6.3% over last year.

Maritimes: All nine 2016/2017 Member schools re-joined with 3 new members, as well.

- Seven schools increased in enrolment by 17.7 students on average
- In two schools, enrolment declined by 9.5 students on average
- Three new schools joined serving 65 students
- Overall enrolment in our 12 Maritime member schools including the addition of new members increased by 165 students
- Total member school students in the Maritimes 1208, an increase of 15.8% over last year.

Total elementary and high school students in ACSI Eastern Canada= 6912 an increase of 7.9% over last year.

Colleges and Universities

(Kingdom Covenant Leadership Institute, Kingswood, Redeemer and Tyndale), total enrolment 1224; down 74 students from the previous year. This is a concerning trend because the student enrolment in member post-secondary institutions in our region has been declining for the past 4 years in a row.

Pre-schools/EE centres

Complete statistics not available yet.

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Public Speaking Festival 2018...Some of the winners from Mt. Salem CS



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Excellent News from Colchester Christian Academy in Truro, NS

The elementary school we just acquired in Bible Hill (Truro suburb) became available when the public school board built a new one. Once designated surplus the Municipality put it out for public bids. CCA expressed interest and went through the process outlined by the county. On the evening of our presentation to the county, even local neighbours arrived to express their support for CCA having the school. God has been with us every step of the way!

The school has nice-sized classrooms and, for the first time in our history, we will have a gym! We have two wonderful volunteers who are Elementary Athletic Director and High School Athletic Director. They have been working hard to get us ready for a much greater involvement in NSSAF and now we can have sporting events and practices right on site. The size of classrooms will let us plan for future enhancement to some of the courses we already offer, especially in the high school—for example, adding a chemistry and biology lab.



We are very excited that God has blessed us with such a special gift!

Dr. Betty Johnson, Principal

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Understanding Your Mandatory Training Requirements Under the

Occupational Health and Safety Act

The Ministry of Labour (MOL) introduced a number of significant new mandatory training requirements starting on July 1, 2014 that impact all employers in Ontario including Child Care Organizations. The goal of this article is to assist child care organizations in making the best decision for your training requirements.

The Ministry of Labour released a law regarding worker training in Ontario that requires mandatory training for Early Education Workers and Supervisors in the workplace in July 1, 2014. This law called "Ontario Regulation 297/13" makes provisions as to requirements for Health and Safety Training for both childcare workers and Supervisors. Under the new law every worker and Supervisor in Ontario must receive basic Health & Safety Training.

The MOL has developed a free online training courses, the Worker Health and Safety Awareness in 4 Steps and the Supervisor Health and Safety Training in five steps. The course runs approximately one hour and is available on the MOL website. (see links below)

Daycare/preschool Supervisors and Health & Safety Reps who completed the OSHA certification course or the "Health & Safety & the Law" course do not need to take the online course.

The one hour online training provides a basic understanding of health and safety awareness in the workplace however it does not replace the centre's obligation to obtain certified training if such training is required by the MOL. Child care organizations need to be aware that by providing staff with this mandatory training the centre is acknowledging that they understand their obligation to provide additional and appropriate staff training and are managing the safety of their staff through hazard assessments, written policies and procedures, and safe work instructions.

The good news is that if your Child Care organization currently has a comprehensive New Employee Safety Orientation Program in place and that program covers all the elements in the new MOL Worker training program, then the staff do not have to do the MOL training program. However, the organization would have to show that staff have had adequate training, therefore we would strongly recommend

What the Ontario Racing Commission Understands that Some Christian Parents Don't

Every now and then, a person raises the idea that it is good for children to be exposed to all kinds of evil in their education and in the company they keep. **'After all, you wouldn't want them to be "sheltered from reality" would you?'** they say. For over 50 years, we've seen the results of that kind of thinking, in the decline of North American evangelical Christianity in general and the shrinking of the church. **Every** statistical survey makes that clear, from the studies of George Barna, George Gallup and Christian Smith in the U.S. and those of Reg Bibbey, the Cardus Institute and the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada in our country. The truly astounding thing is that many Christians seem to ignore the facts that all the studies point out. And they don't consider the negative impact of secular education on the decline of North American Christianity!

Surrounding children from Christian families with falsehoods for six hours a day, five days a week for 12 or 13 years does not strengthen their faith. And a few hours weekly at church is unlikely to counteract its effect.

When my Dad worked for the Ontario Racing Commission, he received formal training about how to recognize counterfeit money. He told me that they spent almost all their training time examining genuine currency—not the fake stuff. That way they'd have no problem recognizing counterfeit bills when they saw them. Concentrating the majority of children's attention on **"whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy,"** so they are less likely to be taken captive by false ideas—what a concept! If only more Christian parents would get that principle in their children's education!

"It is always simple to fall; there are an infinity of angles at which one falls, only one at which one stands."
G.K. Chesterton

Guess which 'angle' we should concentrate on teaching to future generations.

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Understanding the New Ontario Employment Laws—It May Not be as Easy as you Think

That will be the subject of an important presentation at the **Ontario Principals' Meeting**, starting at 10:00 a.m. on **Thursday April 19th** at Peoples Christian Academy, 245 Renfrew Dr, Markham, ON L3R 6G3. Our presenter is Paulette Haynes of the Haynes Law Firm.

that if your child care has an employee safety orientation program that you create a quiz for workers to take after their orientation training is complete. Organizations can also download the Worker Health and Safety Awareness booklet free from the Ministry's website to ensure their own orientation program covers all of the required information.

Other changes that began in 2014 include the following:

- Legislation used to require organizations with six or more regular employees to have a Health and Safety Rep who was not required to be trained. The new amendments made to the OSHA Act require that all Health and Safety Reps (including organizations with six or more employees) receive approved training to enable them to effectively perform the required duties under the Act. (i.e. Being able to participate in investigations and investigate work refusals)
- Childcare supervisors who do not have the OSHA Level one and Level two certification are required to take the "Health & Safety & the Law" course. The MOL requirement that all workplaces in Ontario employing 20 or more regularly employed workers (this includes all positions including teaching, non-teaching, part time, as well as your regular supply staff) must have a Joint Health and Safety Committee remains. In the case of 20 or more regularly employed workers, at least one (1) worker member and one (1) management member must be CERTIFIED and have completed Part One and Part Two Certification Training by a WSIB approved Training Provider. We strongly encourage Child Care Executive Directors/Supervisors to become certified in order to ensure they understand their legal obligations under the Act as well as to meet any future mandated OSHA training.

Here are the links:

Teachers' Guide

www.acsiec.org/Downloads/Health%20and%20Safety%20Info/Professional%20Advisory%20for%20Teachers.pdf

Principals' Guide

[www.acsiec.org/Downloads/Health%20and%20Safety%20Info/Student%20Safety-](http://www.acsiec.org/Downloads/Health%20and%20Safety%20Info/Student%20Safety-A%20Guide%20for%20Supervisory%20Officers-Principals%20and%20Vice-Principals.pdf)

[A%20Guide%20for%20Supervisory%20Officers-Principals%20and%20Vice-Principals.pdf](http://www.acsiec.org/Downloads/Health%20and%20Safety%20Info/Student%20Safety-A%20Guide%20for%20Supervisory%20Officers-Principals%20and%20Vice-Principals.pdf)

Understanding Your Mandatory Requirements

www.acsiec.org/Downloads/Health%20and%20Safety%20Info/Understanding%20Your%20Mandatory%20Training%2

Also at the **Ontario Principals' Meeting**, you can preview Kingdom Education's new in-service worldview training series for Christian school teachers.

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Freeing Prisoners of The Here and Now by Mark Kennedy

"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free." Gal 5:1

Musing over my lifetime 'I wish I had that on a T shirt' list, my thoughts went back more than four decades:

Dateline: October, 1986, an early evening Prenatal Class somewhere in Greater Toronto

"I don't want to **tell** you about childbirth," said the progressively minded instructress to us dozen or so fathers-to-be, who pretty unanimously wished we were somewhere else.

She went on, "I want to **draw out** what you already know about having a baby!" The shuffling male feet and vacant stares spoke eloquently of our profound ignorance on the subject.

'This won't take long.' I thought, 'we may even be home in time to watch the hockey game.'

That's where my 'I wish I had that on a T shirt' reverie comes in. In my mind's eye, I can see myself clad in a white cotton garment bearing a message in bold, black letters.

"EVERYTHING I KNOW ABOUT CHILDBIRTH, I LEARNED FROM ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER", it would say.

Allowing my imagination to run on a bit, I envisaged the instructress' puzzled look and her question:

"Well what exactly did Mr. Schwarzenegger teach you about childbirth?"

"Absolutely nothing!" I would reply, and that, of course, would be the point.

At that prenatal class, none of us typical Canadian men knew anything about the subject. That's why we were taking the course. We'd come to learn, to be led from the dark slough of our childbirth vacuity into the bright sunlit uplands of parturient sagacity. We wanted liberation from the prison of our ignorance, not an opportunity to share vague snippets of the misinformation we'd picked up during our incarceration.

It wasn't her fault of course. Our well-meaning instructress was labouring under a popular misconception. Back then, a few prominent educational lights mistranslated and misapplied the Latin roots of the word 'education.'

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God's Hand in History: Wartime Miracles and a National Scandal

The World War II testimonies of six of the most senior figures including Eisenhower, Churchill and leading military officers, reveal God's protection of the Nation in response to prayer and faithfulness. If they could see the state of the Nation today, what might they wish us to know?

There is an old story of two spiders, one the mother and the other her son. The story goes that mother spider made a lovely home in her web and she suspended this web from a single strand hanging from a tree branch far above. One day, her son paid a visit. As he surveyed her home he noticed this single strand seemingly ascending into empty space.

Thinking it useless...[\(Read more\)](#)

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Marijuana Law Pot Shots

Although the federal Cannabis Act, 2017 was passed December 12, 2017 it is not yet in force. The Ontario Cannabis Retail Corporation Act, 2017, combines with amendments to the Smoke-Free Ontario Act to create the legislative regime for regulated cannabis sale and consumption in Ontario, once its sale and use is officially legal.

The legislation bans sales for youth under the age of 19 although it allows children as young as 12 years old to have up to 10 joints and smoke them. There will be other consumption restrictions as well. Recreational consumption will be prohibited in public places and in school buildings.

So, for almost all of our students, marijuana use will be somewhat illegal because of most them are 18 years of age or younger.

Nevertheless, medical experts do not favour marijuana use, especially among adolescents, because of its proven damage to mental function. Also, they are concerned that there has not been enough research on the long term effect of this drug. In addition, the negative results of legalization in the state of Colorado should give our government pause.

So why the rush to legalization?

According to them, the original Latin roots for the word 'education' meant 'to *draw out*,' so they postulated that education should be a '*drawing out*' of information, not a 'putting in'.

And that was exactly what our teacher was trying to do. It wasn't her fault that she couldn't draw the water of childbirth wisdom from a room full of empty wells. She was just trying to follow a deeply flawed philosophy based upon a profoundly incompetent Latin translation. Fact is, the word 'education' comes from two Latin words, "e" (or "ex"), meaning "out of," and "ducere," meaning "to lead"—**not** "to draw." So, according to its Latin root, "educere," **really** means '*leading out of*,' not '*drawing out*.' Based upon that, more accurate translation, education is supposed to lead students out of folly or error or intellectual darkness into wisdom, **not** to draw out knowledge that was never there in the first place. ([Read more](#))

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Why Don't All the Christian School Organizations Join Together?

Christian unity—an excellent thought, that. Jesus prayed for it so it's important. But unity that require compromises on what we consider to be essential, no thank you. At ACSI, we have some biblically based convictions and distinctives that we believe are too important to trade away for the sake of unity.

Here they are:

ACSI will gladly work with a variety of organizations on specific issues of mutual concern—things like recognizing the right of independent schools to hire staff who subscribe to their beliefs or for religious schools to freely teach the principles of their faith **BUT** we will not **JOIN** (*as opposed to work with*) any organization unless it wholeheartedly subscribes to our convictions about:

- a) All the components of our statement of faith.
- b) Our unequivocal, clearly stated position on human sexuality, the monogamous heterosexual nature of marriage and gender.

The reason we hold these positions should be obvious in point a) above. The reason we are absolutely firm on point b) above is that, as per the first point, the Bible is clear on the definition of marriage, on the restriction of sexual intimacy to heterosexual marriage and on gender. We believe that biblically defined standards for human sexuality and marriage are foundational for the good of individuals as well as for society. We believe that sexuality and the family are not side issues in biblical Christianity. So, we at ACSI will not compromise or diminish our convictions in order to **join**

1. In the recent federal election, our Prime Minister was wafted to power on a smoky cloud of promised legalization.
2. Marijuana and marijuana use is ubiquitous in Canada, especially among teens. Enforcement levels of past pot laws were ineffectual. Some high school teens reported it was easier for them to buy pot than it was to buy cigarettes. So, the only options for government and law enforcement were:
 - a) To spend much more on enforcing pot laws OR
 - b) Legalize marijuana, try to control its distribution and, in the process earn government revenue and gain voter support among the young.

Legalization of pot is a problem in itself but it's also one more indication, along with the proliferation of pornography, violence in entertainment (especially video games) and the advance of 'alternate sexual lifestyles' that our society is in serious trouble and in need of prayer.

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any organization for the sake of what is perceived to be 'Christian unity.' And we won't let any such organization claim to represent us.

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Foundations of Teaching English Learners Course

Offered by: Cairns University

Location: Sussex Christian School, Sussex NB

Dates: July 16-20, 2018

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Upcoming Ontario Student Events

Chess Tournament: Thursday, April 12, 2018, 9:15 a.m.-2:00 p.m. @ Brampton Christian School

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Math Olympics: Thursday, April 26, 2018, 9:15 a.m.-2 p.m. @ Mississauga Christian Academy

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Bible Quest: Thursday, May 10, 2018, 9:15 a.m.-2:30 a.m. @ Mississauga Christian Academy

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In 2017-18 ACSI Eastern Canada Schools will study several chapters of **Luke**. Materials are available to purchase at: www.acmequiz.com/index.php?l=product_detail&p=201635

Select the **QuizMaster License** for the **Christian and Missionary Alliance** using the **NIV Version**

The 2017-18 Handbook is on the ACSI website:

www.acsiec.org/Students/Activities/Bible_Quest.htm

To memorize words

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to memorize the Word

(Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you!)

...that is the question!!

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International Collaborative Projects for Christian Schools

ACSI Europe invites Christian school teachers to join their four-week online course to develop International Collaborative Projects with colleagues from around the world. Learn how to develop high quality project-based learning units with strong biblical integration elements as you partner with teachers and students from schools in other countries.

Course Length: Four weeks of instruction/project development followed by project implementation with your students.

Course begins: April 9, 2018

REGISTER NOW: <https://goo.gl/forms/q6Nl9lCsy1eiIDYD3>

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