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*The electronic newsletter of the Religious Education Association:
An Association of Professors, Practitioners, Researchers, and Religious Educators*

We have transitioned to this electronic newsletter to keep our members and friends informed and connected in a digital age. You can also stay updated through the REA:APPRRE Facebook page and by subscribing to the RSS news stream at our website. We always welcome your suggestions about what information is important to you and how we can make it easy to access.

2011 REA:APPRRE Annual Meeting in Toronto, Nov 4-6 --- [BRAIN MATTERS](#)

Time to [register](#)! A meeting flier can be [downloaded here](#) or is available [online](#); please forward, or print & post to inform others about the outstanding program and speakers. Be sure to check out the outstanding [resources](#) compiled by Program Chair Dean Blevins on the website. **U.S. members, be sure your passport is current for travel to Canada!** It can be expensive to fly into Toronto. If this is a concern, you might consider flying into Buffalo and renting a car--maybe meet a colleague and share a car. The drive from Buffalo to Toronto isn't bad--about 2 hours--and there are several routes to choose from.

Videos Now Available Online

[Videos online](#) include speakers from 2009 and 2010 REA:APPRRE Annual Meetings in Dallas and Denver, including Parker Palmer and Judith Berling. Please check them out and share them! You can also embed them in blog posts because they are hosted at [Vimeo.com](#), which makes the embed codes easily available.

Your Executive Board At Work

The Board has been hard at work pondering, discussing, researching, and processing the notes and comments from our members at the last two annual meetings. The 2009 and 2010 meetings included several intentional dialogues and special sessions about the current shape of the field and our hopes for the future. [Transcriptions and summaries](#) from these important conversations are now available on our website. Please continue to engage the issues and communicate with your Board members about the future of this historic Association.

Doctoral Programs in Religious Education

We are compiling a [list of graduate programs](#) offering a PhD, ThD or EDD in religious education. Can you help us make it more comprehensive? Which programs are we missing? Links to these programs will be an important resource on our web site. In addition, we are bringing together administrators of the doctoral programs in November. We want to be sure no one is overlooked!

Vice-President to Present on REA:APPRRE at NAPCE

At the [2011 Annual Conference](#) of North American Professors of Christian Education (NAPCE), REA:APPRRE Vice-President Dean Blevins will present a session that includes a brief overview of the REA, discusses the similarities and differences with NAPCE, and suggests possible points of collaboration.

[NAPCE](#) is one of the many organizations that share REA:APRRE's commitment to serve professors and practitioners in religious education. Cultivating connections with other similar organizations can strengthen and enrich our membership and effectiveness.

New Address for REA:APRRE

Please note that the Association address has changed to Yale Divinity School where Lucinda Huffaker, Executive Secretary, has taken a position as Director of Supervised Ministries. The new address is

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Member Updates

Please don't be shy about sharing your good news of promotion, publication, or transition. Tell us when you have new books coming out so that we can let folks know about them, and remember to add your books to our online bookstore.

*Elizabeth Conde-Frazier has recently published [Listen to the Children: Conversations With Immigrant Families](#) (Judson Press, bilingual edition).

*Hot off the press is Tom Groome's [Will There Be Faith?: Depends on Every Christian](#) (Veritas Publications)

See you in Toronto!

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