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*An Association of Professors, Practitioners, Researchers, and Religious Educators*

- - - **2012 ANNUAL MEETING POSTER** - - -  
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## **REV. DR. C.T. VIVIAN, FREEDOM RIDER, TO SPEAK AT 2012 ANNUAL MEETING**

**Nov 2-4 Sheraton Atlanta, Atlanta, Georgia.** On the eve of the national U.S. elections, join us in Atlanta for REA:APPRRE's 2012 Annual Meeting, "[Let Freedom Ring!](#)"—**Religious Education at the Intersection of Social Justice, Liberation, and Civil/Human Rights.** This timely and contextually pertinent theme has already generated record-breaking numbers of proposals and registrations. And now we are thrilled to announce that our speaker on Saturday evening will be [Rev. Dr. C.T. Vivian](#), close friend and lieutenant of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and one of the Freedom Riders who challenged segregation laws in the early 1960s. You won't want to miss Rev. Vivian's inspiring words on religious education and social justice activism. His address will immediately follow our annual banquet on Saturday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Visit the [meeting web site](#) for details about many other exciting presentations by leaders like these:

- [Welcoming America](#) – helping communities incorporate immigrants into the local social fabric; video screening of *Welcome to Shelbyville* on Saturday night, after the banquet speaker.
- [Youth Hope-Builders Academy](#) – promoting growth and development of black youth in their Christian identity.
- [Greenhouses of Hope](#) – reporting on how congregations nurture young leaders who will change the world.
- [Concerned Black Clergy of Atlanta](#) – organizing for advocacy and service in the black community.

**DON'T FORGET** to read the research papers before you attend a Research Interest Group at the conference (download from the [Sessions page](#)). Authors will **not** read their papers in the session and will expect that participants have read the papers. And, to make the *most* of your meeting time and conversations, check out some of the articles and books listed on the [Resources page](#) compiled by Ryan Gardner (Brigham Young University)!

**We need everyone** at the Annual Meeting to contribute to the REA:APPRRE "Let Freedom Ring!" Signature Quilt—each one contributing to a square. We're counting on 50 squares! This will be our own version of a Peace Story Quilt, made possible by the [InterRelations Collaborative](#). Indulge your creative energies and drop in to spend as much (or as little) time as you like between 8:00 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. on Saturday. All materials provided! No sewing required!

**REA:APPRRE's Inaugural Poster Session.** Posters have become standard presentations at academic meetings in the sciences and increasingly in the humanities. We are excited to have our first poster session, highlighting five scholars who have embraced this creative format for dialogue with viewers about their research. The [Poster Session](#) will be on Saturday, 8:00–9:00 a.m., when authors will be present to discuss their research with interested viewers. Posters will remain on display for the rest of the day.

### **Pre-Conference Contextual Engagement Opportunity Thursday, Nov. 1, 1:00-5:00 PM**

The *Peace and Justice Task Force* and the *Religious Education in Public Life and Global Community Forum* are sponsoring a pre-conference trip to the [Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change \(The King Center\)](#) on Thursday, November 1, 1:00-5:00 PM, followed by dinner in downtown Atlanta. The visit to the King Center will include

- Civil Rights Walk of Fame
- Visitor Center Outdoor Campus, with crypt of Dr. and Mrs. King

- Freedom Hall, with exhibits honoring Dr. & Mrs. King, Mahatma Gandhi, and Rosa Parks
- Ebenezer Baptist Church
- World Peace Rose Garden
- Birth Home of Dr. King (optional)

The group will end the tour with a visit to the King Center's Bookstore and Resource Center, and then consider options for dinner at a local restaurant.

Cost: metro fare and dinner. There is no admissions fee for King Center exhibits.

Sign up on your Annual Meeting Registration or by [email](#).

Meet at 1:00 P.M. in the lobby of the Sheraton Atlanta Hotel.

**Attention: New scholars who want to publish their manuscript!**

REA:APPRRE is starting a new book series, **HORIZONS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**, in cooperation with Wipf & Stock Publishers. The next step is having something to publish! The groundbreaking project aims to support newer scholars and to nurture the growth and development of our field. More information is on the [web site](#), or email [Jack Seymour](#), Editor.

**OTHER ANNUAL MEETING INFORMATION**

**Technology.** The Technology Committee will blog and tweet Annual Meeting events; use the hash-tag #rea2012. If you are interested in serving on the Technology Committee, contact Mary Hess, [mhess@luthersem.edu](mailto:mhess@luthersem.edu).

**Meals.** Meals are ordered in advance, so if you need to change the meals indicated on your registration form, or if you want to bring a guest, please notify the [Executive Secretary](#) before November 1 in order to receive the discounted meal rate (\$20 for luncheon; \$30 for banquet).

**Room reservations.** There are *plenty* of rooms available at the Sheraton Atlanta at REA's block rate of \$119 per night (not including taxes) from Wednesday through Sunday nights. Be sure to identify yourself as part of REA. If you have any trouble with the booking, email the [Executive Secretary](#). [More...](#)

**Transportation.** Atlanta's mass transit system, MARTA, stops at Peachtree Center, 2 blocks from the hotel. If you are driving, the hotel offers 50% off self-parking rates in the Sheraton parking garage. The Atlanta Airport Shuttle Service (TAASS) for transportation to and from the airport. From the airport, pick-up is located at Ground Transportation. The shuttle stops at the Sheraton Atlanta at :24 and :56 of the hour and runs from 6:00 a.m. to Midnight daily. Cost is \$16.50 one-way or \$29 round trip per person. For reservation or questions, please call 404.941.3440 or visit [www.taass.net](http://www.taass.net).

**Books.** Authors are invited to display their book(s) at the Annual Meeting. Please mark as "Author's Copy" and retrieve before your departure. A computer will be available for online purchasing. Remember to add your book to REA's dedicated online bookstore—either the [2012 Annual Meeting bookstore](#) or the [general bookstore](#).

**Memorials.** If you know that an REA member has died in the past year, please notify [Dean Blevins](#), President, so that we can honor their contribution to the field of religious education.

*See you in Atlanta!*

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