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*The electronic newsletter of the Religious Education Association:
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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.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Time to Renew Your Membership

Your REA:APPRRE membership runs with the calendar year. [Renew now](#) for 2012 so that you won't miss a single issue of *Religious Education*. If you have a question about your membership status, check the online [Membership Directory](#) to see if you are listed correctly. If you still have questions, please contact [Customer Service](#) at Taylor & Francis who publish the REA journal. They process all of our memberships and make sure you receive your subscription to *Religious Education*. While you are checking on your membership, why not **invite a colleague** to join our [108-year-old organization](#)?

REA:APPRRE Announces New Book Series!

Excitement is buzzing around the initiation of [HORIZONS IN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION](#), a new book series to be published by REA:APPRRE in cooperation with [Wipf and Stock Publishers](#)! The impetus for this groundbreaking project is REA's commitment to support newer scholars and to nurture the growth and development of our field. Read about the plan and process, and follow the development of this important new venture through [News](#) updates on our website.

2012 Annual Meeting in Atlanta

It's not too early to make plans to attend the spectacular Annual Meeting being planned for Nov 2-4, 2012, in Atlanta! **"Let Freedom Ring!"—Religious Education at the Intersection of Social Justice, Liberation, and Civil/Human Rights**—promises to be a theme that melds scholarship, context, and praxis in unique ways due to the currency of the theme in national and world events. Read Yolanda Smith's stirring elaboration on the theme in the [Call for Papers](#), relish the [images](#) there, and begin imagining how a presentation of your research, teaching, or service might contribute to the synergy of REA:APPRRE 2012! Deadline for proposals is **May 1**.

Resources from 2011 Annual Meeting in Toronto

The 2011 Meeting, **"Brain Matters: Neuroscience, Creativity, and Diversity,"** drew 123 participants from 7 countries, including a number of returning members who had not attended the Annual Meeting for several years! It's not surprising, considering the informative and thought-provoking presentations throughout the weekend. Happily, portions are available on the web, including a video of the "Diversity and Neuroscience" plenary on the [REA channel of Vimeo.com](#), and the blog ["Yet another unitarian universalist"](#) has an excellent summary of David Hogue's plenary. [2011 Proceedings](#) remain on the REA site, and attendees may purchase at a 20% discount institutional copies of [In Search of Memory](#), the documentary shown at the conference. Finally, [David Hogue](#) and [Dean Blevins](#) have graciously made their plenary powerpoints available. Enjoy these and continue to learn from and share the abundant [resources](#) on the REA 2011 website!

Memorials Page Added to Website

A new [Memorials page](#) on the REA website honors past members of REA:APPRRE who have passed on, beginning with those who died during 2011: Harold W. Burgess, Terence Michael Copley, Dorothy Jean "DJ" Furnish, and C. Ellis Nelson. Please help us keep this page up-to-date and recognize our outstanding scholars and contributors by letting us know about colleagues who should be added to this list as time passes.

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. We want to be sure no one is overlooked!

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 add them to our online bookstore.

- **Eileen Daily** has developed **art/y/fact.Xn** (pronounced "artifact, Christian"), an application that helps users meditate with or interpret Christian art. Download it at the App Store or [Android Market](#) for \$1.99 and experience a new resource emerging in RE!

Best wishes for a very happy new year!

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