

# OCHEC 2011 Convention – Workshop Topics

## **Effective Communication - Paul Faris**

Most people have heard the term “how you say it is just as important as what you say”. We recognize that communication is very important but often are not sure how to be effective communicators. This workshop looks at the secrets of effective communication for homeschooling families in the world today.

## **Struggling Readers? Could it be Dyslexia? - Penny Greenberg & Catharine Adams**

Participants will learn to:

- recognize a possible dyslexic profile
- understand the science-based research behind multi-sensory teaching
- use a variety of multi-sensory strategies including games

## **What it Means to Be a Christian in a Secular University - Landon Coleman**

30-40% of Christian students lose their faith in university. What is to be done? How should Christian students prepare themselves for secular university? Landon Coleman discusses these issues by pointing to Paul's interactions with the Athenians in Acts 17 as a model of what our role as Christians in the university should look like. After the talk there will be a short information session about Augustine College in Ottawa, a college which focuses on equipping students to not only protect their faith in university, but to grow and flourish as Christians.

## **A Word Fitly Spoken – How to Encourage our Children - Louise House**

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in setting of silver. (Proverbs 25:11) How can we speak words of encouragement into the lives of our children? We all need words of encouragement. Come and see how you can build your children up giving golden apples of encouraging words to your children whether they are toddlers or teens.

## **Free Software to Augment your Child's Learning - Dean Anderson**

Discover software that does not cost a cent to help your child's learning. From Typing, Geography, Spelling, Language, Word Processor, Drawing, Video/Photo Editing, Music Recording, CAD programs, Web-editing...and even full blown Operating Systems there is something useful for everyone and the price is right! There will also be free resources available in print form and downloadable format. If you have a laptop, bring it along and take advantage of all the resources available to you.

## **The Travel Vacation: Is This School?? - Betty VanGils Kloet**

Are you dreaming of a travel vacation with your homeschool family? Come learn how to plan, integrate learning, pace and fully experience learning in a new way. Bettie will show slides and talk about her family's recent European cycle tour and show how you too can plan a travel experience that will expand your children's minds.

## **Equipping Our Kids For Missions - Diane Geerlinks**

It's one thing for homeschool families to read the biographies of missionaries of the past. It's another thing to send your own child abroad to 'write' his/her own story. In this world that needs God's healing touch, what can parents do to facilitate a heart of missions in their children? Come and listen as Diane shares her stories of equipping their children for missions locally and abroad. Could it be that the journey of homeschooling and the journey of missions have common elements?

## **Putting The Bible In “Bible Study” - Jason McGibbon**

Explore the importance of teaching our kids how to open their Bibles and explore the texts directly. Learn practical principals and techniques to facilitate multi-aged bible studies.

**Enjoying Math? - Cori Dean**

Time and again I hear the lament, "Well, I could teach my children almost anything but not MATH!" For many homeschooling parents math is a scary subject but it doesn't need to be. This workshop will explore many ways to make math enjoyable, fun and meaningful. We will look at ways to take our math teaching beyond our textbooks and workbooks and look at math in different subjects, in real life, in literature, in games and activities and much more!

### **Research on Home Education Adults Just Released - Paul Faris**

In November 2009 HSLDA and CCHE released the newest research on Home Education in Canada. This study focused on home educated students who are now adults. The results are exciting. Do they get married, have kids, get jobs, and make money? Join us as we discover the sort of life homeschooled adults are living in Canada.

### **Getting Started The Balance - Jacki Knight**

Are you new to homeschooling or just trying to get a better understanding of the process and choices you have? Maybe you are becoming stressed and wondering where the balance is? Jacki Knight will share candidly a simple step-by-step guide to help you begin with confidence and keep the balance!

### **Charlotte Mason 101 - Cori Dean**

Charlotte Mason was an early 20th century educator who was the founder of the modern homeschooling movement. Take some time to look into her philosophy to glean some tools and techniques that will enhance your homeschool. Learn about how to use "living books" and "narration" as key educational tools. Understand the importance of habits and of creating a learning atmosphere. Discover the food that sustains the mind: ideas experienced in various subject areas. Find out how to develop a love for learning in your students!

### **Bringing Science and Faith Together - Dr. David Humphreys**

This session will re-evaluate the relationship between the latest findings in science and the Christian faith. It will review what science claims about origins, and the evidence for purposeful design found in science. We will discuss how science can help students challenge naturalism and the claims of the new atheists and through science can be more confident in their Christian faith.

### **High School – The Gateway To The Future - Diane Geerlinks**

Where do I begin? Is this even a good idea? Can I really do this? These hard questions seem to come up in our minds again, as high school approaches. You have four years left. Are you imparting what is most important to your students? Diane will share the importance of teaching independent research, understanding the vital role of dialogue and reaching the heart of your student through mentoring. Learn how to equip your students with focused education rather than just the goal of graduation!

### **Help for Hurting Parents - What to do when your children stumble - Harold House**

We all want to raise our children to become Godly responsible citizens, but what happens when a son or daughter makes choices that lead to lifestyles that we never thought possible. Does this mean we have failed as parents? How do we respond to our son or daughter? How do we deal with our feelings of failure and inadequacy? How do we put our life back together? Harold will share from his family's experience and what they have learned from a very difficult situation.

### **Apples of Gold – Encouragement for Homeschooling Moms. - Louise House**

A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver. (Proverbs 25:11) Come and be inspired as Louise shares golden apples of encouragement to homeschooling Moms. Find out how: doing less can mean more for your family; seeing the truth about your home school can give you energy; and how being real can result in freedom to be who you are, so you can enjoy your homeschool journey to its fullest.

### **Courtship... Dating... Confused? - Paul and Suzanne Faris**

Are you unsure which relationship theories are the best? Is there even a "best way" out there? In this session Paul and Suzanne Faris will share their experiences and offer helpful principles on this often confusing issue.