

1st Annual Victoria Christian Homeschool Conference

Building, Equipping and Encouraging our Community

Church of the Nazarene, 4277 Quadra St., Victoria
Saturday, March 4, 2006
9:00 am – 2:30 pm

Conference Speakers

Rev. Norman D. Morrison, corporate training and development consultant with Island Group Consulting Ltd.

A former pastor, Norm has worked with churches in British Columbia and Saskatchewan to build a healthy church culture, strengthen relationships and deepen their spiritual walk. His *Christ Can Heal Your Life* workshop helps bring believers into the abundant life of God-given joy, confidence and wholeness. He is the author of *Celebrate the Differences* and *Temperaments in Transition*, two popular handbooks on personality type and temperament. Norm and his wife Marlene have four children and currently homeschool their two youngest.

Janet Rainbow, teacher and administrator with Heritage Christian Online School

In 1984, after teaching for several years in the local public school, Janet began questioning the values she felt her own children were being taught. Janet started schooling her own children at home (starting in grades 2 and 4). She was the Principal/teacher for Campbell River Christian school until 1992 and then was hired as their Homeschool Coordinator, a job she enjoyed for 13 years. As she served the home school community, Janet became known for starting many innovative programs and supporting hundreds of homeschool parents throughout the province. In 2002, she worked for one of the Pilot Project schools in the new Independent Schools Distributed Learning (DL) programs.

Brenda Fawkes, homeschool mother and Home Learning and Curriculum Consultant with Regent Christian Online Academy.

Brenda is a homeschool mother of seven ranging in age from 3 years old to 20 years old. She has been homeschooling since becoming aware of the option 14 years ago when their oldest was in Grade One. In her second year she became involved in local support groups benefiting from and serving with the Homeschool community. Brenda has written *Apples of Gold* for the VCHS Newsletter and functioned as Editor for several years too. Brenda has done numerous seminars on a variety of topics including *Home Management*, *Curriculum Choices*, *Homebased Businesses* and more. Seven years ago she saw a need, and started *Train Up A Child Homeschool Bookstore* since taken over by Janice Bennalack. Now in her latest role Brenda is thrilled to be serving the Homeschool community through her position as Home Learning and Curriculum Consultant with Regent Christian Online Academy.

Conference Schedule

Registration and Coffee 9:00 am – 9:30 am

Train up a Child Bookstore will be onsite as well as tables for selling used curriculum.

Welcome 9:30 – 9:45am

Morning Session 9:45 am –noon (15 min. break)

Typology and Learning Styles for Homeschoolers, Rev. Norman D. Morrison

The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® (MBTI®) lends a unique and practical perspective to the learning process. This two-hour workshop features typology-based insights and exercises to help parents become more effective teachers by identifying the learning styles of their children, as well as their own preferred teaching and leadership styles.

By the end of this workshop, parents will be able to:

1. Identify their own typological preferences and the implications for both teaching and learning.
2. Recognize their child's preferred learning style based on typology and apply this knowledge in creating an effective learning environment.
3. Adapt their teaching styles to meet their child's strengths and unique type needs.

Lunch 12:00 – 1:00pm

Enjoy a delicious lunch while visiting with friends. Lunch included with registration.

Afternoon Session 1:00 – 2:30pm Choose 1 of the following 3 options.

A. Encouraging a Godly Thought Life in Your Children – Rev. Norman D. Morrison

It has been said that life is all about choices – the day-to-day decisions we make about what we will say, do or see. For most of us, many of the 'choices' we make are more likely to be a matter of habit than of conscious decision, for they are often made without our awareness. This is because we have acquired a habitual way of thinking and acting. These patterns of thought and action often are formed in our childhood and are carried on into our adult lives.

This uplifting and energizing afternoon session reveals the importance of cultivating and maintaining a healthy and positive thought life. It equips parents with the tools they need to begin to teach their children one of the most important lessons they can learn – how to take control of their mind and use it to enhance their emotional, psychological and spiritual well-being.

B. Portfolios - Janet Rainbow

In this session Janet will introduce you to three different kinds of portfolios. She will explain what is involved with portfolios that are needed for the new Grad program. She will also give tips and ideas for the portfolios that a parent needs to submit if they are with a DL (Directed Learning) program. Finally, if you have a child who is completing grade 12 but not receiving the BC graduation certificate, she will explain why you should put together a portfolio for this child and what you should be sure to include in it.

C. Encouraging Healthy Independence in our Homeschooled Children - Brenda Fawkes

As parents we will eventually do ourselves out of a job. The highest reward comes when we see our children giving it their all and making right choices in their lives and their academics. This isn't just about parenting but rather the unique characteristics of encouraging independence when as Homeschoolers we are basically involved in every area of our children's lives. We are their career and life counselor, teacher of all their courses, parent, and hopefully friend. In this session we will explore the important groundwork we need to lay in the early years, having them take responsibility for their choices in academics and life situations with increasing frequency, guiding without smothering, undergirding without over supporting, and dealing with failure. We will also look at what is available to help us in this process through our churches, homeschool community, and professionally through DL programs and Christian counseling.

Registration for the 1st Annual Victoria Christian Homeschool Conference

Registration Fees (includes morning refreshments and lunch):

VCHS Members Individual \$12, Couple \$20

Non VCHS Members Individual \$15, Couple \$24

Send cheque payable to VCHS to Janice Bennalack, 1350 Hastings St., Victoria BC V8Z 2W2

Please indicate your choice for the afternoon session so presenters can prepare adequate numbers of handouts. If you require a special diet e.g. vegetarian or have allergies please indicate on your registration. For more information contact Janice at bennfam@995.ca

Deadline for registration is February 22, 2006.

Name _____

Name of Spouse (if attending) _____

Address _____

Email address _____

Phone _____

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_____ VCHS Member (couple) \$20

_____ Non VCHS Member (individual) \$15

_____ Non VCHS Member (couple) \$24

Choose 1 of the 3 options for the afternoon session for each person attending.

Registrant #1

_____ A. Encouraging a Godly Thought Life in Your Children – Rev. Norman D. Morrison

_____ B. Portfolios – Janet Rainbow

_____ C. Encouraging Healthy Independence in our Homeschooled Children – Brenda Fawkes

Registrant #2 (Spouse)

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_____ B. Portfolios – Janet Rainbow

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Special Diet _____

How did you hear about the Conference?

___ VCHS newsletter ___ HCOS newsletter ___ Regent Online newsletter

___ VCHS email tree ___ friend ___ other