

Conference School Committee

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2023 Spring Email to All Schools and Faculty

Subject: 2023 Updates on Teacher Prep, School Bank, and Teacher Bank, and WSP

Dear school boards and teachers,

Christian greetings! Thanks for all the time and effort you are investing into the lives of the children in our congregations. You are making a difference! While we trust you are currently experiencing a good school year and looking to finish on a good note, you are likely already planning for the following school term.

Teacher Prep Class: All teachers are expected to attend a Prep Class, and we encourage teachers who have taught a year or more and have not yet attended a Prep Class to make this a priority. *(There will be consideration given to a limited number of teachers retaking Prep Class if the school board feels it would be beneficial)* **The Teacher Prep Applications are now online!** To attend a class, go to <https://conferenceschools.com/teacher-prep/> and complete the form. Classes are filled on a first come-first served basis. It is a common practice for schools to pay their teacher's travel expense to the class. After processing the application, a confirmation letter with additional information will be sent to the teacher. **We ask that teachers and teacher aids not enroll for a class until they have accepted a teaching position.** Please use the online form if possible but there is a PDF available upon request. For any questions regarding enrollment contact Wade Unruh at: teacherprep@conferenceschools.com

This year's locations and dates:

1. Gentry, AR	July 18-20	All grade levels
2. Hardinsburg, IN	July 25-27	All grade levels
3. Versailles, MO	July 25-27	All grade levels
4. Pincher Creek, AB	August 9-11	All grade levels

School and Teacher Bank Forms: The School and Teacher Bank work in conjunction and are now both online!

If your school is looking for teachers use the following link, <https://conferenceschools.com/teacher-school-bank/> to see the list of teachers and/or enter your school's open teaching positions. Prospective teachers will use the same link to apply and then will also have access to the school bank information and may contact you. Even though these teachers are to have staff approval before receiving the school list, it is your responsibility as a school board to check with their home staff before hiring them. This Teacher Bank information is being sent to the staff in a separate email since the form requires a staff statement and signature.

Wage Supplement Program (WSP): The WSP provides funds to help smaller, limited-resource congregations hire teachers, preferably experienced or career-minded. This application requires a deacon's input and signature. **WSP funds must be reapplied for each year.**

These PDF forms and information for the online forms are attached to the email this letter came with, and are also available on the church's information site: www.churchofgodinchristmennonite.info

Thanks for supporting your teachers by reviewing and increasing wages to keep up with inflation.

Please see that this letter and accompanying forms are distributed to all teachers and board members.

Blessings,

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