

**46<sup>th</sup>**  
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# Christian Educators' Workshop

For Teachers,  
Homeschoolers,  
Parents, and School  
Board Members



**CHRISTIAN LIGHT**  
EDUCATION

**2026**

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# PROGRAM

**8:30** Check-in

**9:00** Singing, Devotional, & Prayer

**9:15** Introductions & Announcements

**9:35** Cultivating Wonder

The Christian sees the mighty power of God everywhere he looks; in every subject he studies, and enjoys calling attention to His handiwork. It's not his quantity of knowledge, but how he values his knowledge (his acquaintance with God's works) that most impacts others. His attitude is the key. How do we pass this on to our students?

**10:10** Break

**10:40** WORKSHOP SESSION I

— 1. Teaching for Understanding (Upper Grades)

Clear learning objectives state what the learner will be able to **do** upon completion of an educational activity. An effective class often involves understanding a **concept** (which in turn requires the understanding of particular **terms**), answering particular **questions**, or developing a **skill**.

— 2. Teaching For Understanding (Lower Grades)

"Understandest thou what thou readest? ... How can I except some man should guide me?" (Acts 8:30, 31). How do we guide the younger ones without making them totally dependent on their teacher? We need to give clear guidance while encouraging them to work independently.

— 3. Engaged School Boards

The board takes responsibility on behalf of the parents and the church to "own" the school. They define purposes, set goals, and maintain oversight. They act collectively; not as individuals.

**11:25** Break

**11:30** Progress/Projections/Publications

**12:00** Noon meal

**1:15** Singing, Prayer, Announcements

**1:30** Question & Answer

**2:00** Break

**2:10** WORKSHOP SESSION II

— 4. Routines That Promote Order

Routines (classroom procedures) should be planned, explained, demonstrated, practiced, and enforced until they become embedded as the "operating system" in the classroom. They become practices that we do "without thinking."

— 5. Reasons Children Dislike School and What to Do About It

School is hard work! Book learning isn't their strength! Poor classroom management! These and others are the reasons children dislike school. What can we as teachers do to overcome these stumbling blocks to learning.

— 6. The Teacher's Personal Life

"We teach out of the abundance or the dearth of our lives; there is no other choice."

"Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh" (Matthew 12:34). What we are full of directs

us. "Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23).

We will teach from the heart, whether we try or not. The students will pick up our attitudes.

**2:55** Break

**3:15** WORKSHOP SESSION III

Three topics to run consecutively in the main assembly. Fifteen minutes each.

— 7. The Wonder of ...

— 8. The Wonder of ...

— 9. The Wonder of ...

**4:00** From Wonder to Worship

Paying close attention to God's works, studying them with understanding, and talking about them with others brings Him honor. Study can be a form of worship if it moves us to recognize, respect, honor, adore, and worship Him.

**4:30** Closing

## TO REGISTER

Call or message the contact person for your preferred workshop location at least **TWO WEEKS** in advance. Be prepared with the following information:

number attending  lodging needs

meal exceptions

There are no registration fees. Speaker and travel expenses are covered with donations from attending schools. School treasurer: send check payable to Christian Light. There may also be opportunity to contribute toward local expenses.

# ITINERARY



## TRIP 1

 Western Canada  September 29–October 9  
 Lyndon Hartman, Ron Bergen, Linford Burkholder, Ben Bergen

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|  <b>September 29</b><br>Tuesday  |  <b>Reinland Mennonite Church</b><br>200 Redhawk Trail, Winkler, MB                   |  <b>Eduardo Bergen</b><br>(204) 312-0923    |
|  <b>October 1</b><br>Thursday    |  <b>Grace Learning Center</b><br>801 6th Avenue<br>Bow Island, AB                     |  <b>John Klassen</b><br>(403) 952-1834      |
|  <b>October 3</b><br>Saturday    |  <b>Nig Creek Christian School</b><br>KM 73 Beatton Airport Road<br>Fort St. John, BC |  <b>Fred Roscher</b><br>(250) 794-8549      |
|  <b>October 5</b><br>Monday      |  <b>Anchor of Life Christian Fellowship</b><br>64 Range Rd 84 Hwy<br>Worsley, AB      |  <b>Joseph Peters</b><br>(780) 835-9831     |
|  <b>October 7</b><br>Wednesday |  <b>Slave Lake Christian Fellowship</b><br>61 Poplar Lane<br>Slave Lake, AB         |  <b>Chris Torkelson</b><br>(587) 877-5691 |
|  <b>October 9</b><br>Friday    |  <b>Valley Country School</b><br>SW 02-41-03 W3 (Rosthern)<br>Hague, SK             |  <b>Dave Guenter</b><br>(306) 831-9208    |

## TRIP 2

 Midwest  October 20–23  
 Lyndon Hartman, Jason Burkholder, Mark Yoder

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|  <b>October 20</b><br>Tuesday  |  <b>Heritage Christian School</b><br>59777 West Rd<br>New Concord, OH 43762 |  <b>Bryce Raber</b><br>(740) 260-9930  |
|  <b>October 22</b><br>Thursday |  <b>Madison Old Brethren School</b><br>67791 Beech Rd<br>Wakarusa, IN 46573 |  <b>Marcus Royer</b><br>(574) 436-4270 |
|  <b>October 23</b><br>Friday   |  <b>White Creek Christian School</b><br>6285 Snover Rd<br>Decker, MI 48426  |  <b>Nevin Wenger</b><br>(989) 467-0219 |

## TRIP 3

 **Midwest**  **October 27–29**  
 **Lyndon Hartman, Linford Burkholder, Jason Burkholder**

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|  <b>October 27</b><br>Tuesday   |  <b>Mt. Olive Christian School</b><br>376 S 800 E<br>Montgomery, IN 47558          |  <b>Derek Gingerich</b><br>(740) 398-7002 |
|  <b>October 28</b><br>Wednesday |  <b>Oasis Mennonite Church</b><br>400 N Elm Street<br>Bluford, IL 62814            |  <b>Jon Weaver</b><br>(618) 246-3911      |
|  <b>October 29</b><br>Thursday  |  <b>Cornerstone Christian School</b><br>20100 County Road 655<br>Memphis, MO 63555 |  <b>Kendon Horst</b><br>(660) 988-0496    |

## TRIP 4

 **Ontario**  **October 23–24**  
 **Ryan Horst, Ron Bergen, Ben Bergen**

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|  <b>October 23</b><br>Friday    |  <b>Gospel Christian Church</b><br>6236 Imperial Rd<br>Aylmer, ON    |  <b>Willy Guenter</b><br>(519) 280-5027  |
|  <b>October 24</b><br>Saturday |  <b>Fairhaven Christian School</b><br>4186 Line 61<br>Milverton, ON |  <b>Richard Gerber</b><br>(519) 580-7515<br><b>Wanda Gerber</b><br>(519) 580-3915 |

## OTHERS

 **Miscellaneous**  **October 16–November 20**

The following workshops are supported by Christian Light but are locally planned and directed. Check with the contact person or your Christian Light school rep for more information.

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|  <b>October 16</b><br>Friday  |  <b>Horizon Mennonite School</b><br>Hagerstown, MD    |  <b>Linford Horst</b><br>(301) 491-0435 |
|  <b>November 13</b><br>Friday |  <b>Waynesboro Mennonite School</b><br>Waynesboro, GA |  <b>Benjamin Good</b><br>(434) 709-1772 |
|  <b>November 20</b><br>Friday |  <b>Shiloh Christian School</b><br>Ladysmith, WI      |  <b>Jerry Martin</b><br>(715) 314-0561  |