News Notes —
Some time ago you received a flyer about our upcoming Northwest Adventist ECEC workshop, June 25 and 26, 2017, for directors and head teachers:

The workshop will begin with lunch on Sunday at the North Pacific Union Conference headquarters (5709 N. 20th St., Ridgefield, WA, at I-5, exit 14) and will end mid afternoon on Monday. Accommodations for Sunday night will be reserved for attendees at the Holiday Inn Express—Salmon Creek, just a few miles down the freeway from our NPUC office.

Co-sponsored by the North Pacific Union Conference (NPUC) and its six conferences, the workshop is FREE to all directors and head teachers of Seventh-day Adventist centers/schools. A registration form is included in this newsletter, as well as other details. Only one form needs to be filled out per center/school. It is then to be sent to your local conference education department (note addresses on the registration form).

Those who have attended in the past (even though it’s been awhile) can attest to the fact that besides training and education, it was a great opportunity for networking with colleagues from across the Northwest.

Among our guest will be: Wendy Witas, Children’s Ministry Pastor, Pacific Union College; Julie Yamada, PUC ECE Associate, CREATION Kids; Sheryl Chernault, Florida Hospital, Creation Health; JoAnn Abeyta, Adventist Risk Management, Thoughts on Safety & Abuse Interventions; just to name a few!

Besides the expertise of all our presenters, we have much to learn from each other! Each center/school has its own personality—come prepared to share!

Another happening this summer is this: The NAD summer curriculum committee will be meeting in San Diego in early June and I have been invited to be part of the planning meeting to discuss the options for CREATION Kids: Infant/Toddler Component. I would appreciate your prayers for our committee as we plan for the youngest in our care!

May God bless you with a delightful Spring!

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Join NAEYC April 24-28 for the 2017 week of the Young Child as we celebrate our youngest learners!

- **Music Monday**: Sing, move, celebrate, and learn!
- **Tasty Tuesday**: Promote healthy food choices while cooking, eating, and having fun!
- **Work Together Wednesday**: Work together, problem solve together, learn together.
- **Artsy Thursday**: Think, build, create.
- **Family Friday**: Engage and honor families!

Share your WOYC activities several ways:

- **Email**: ECEC Coordinator; golda.pflugrad@nw.npuc.org
- **Facebook**: NPUC ECEC Directors & Teachers Facebook page
- **Social media**: #woyc17. Learn more at NAEYC.org/woyc
# Northwest Adventist Early Childhood Education Workshop

**June 25-26, 2017**

**North Pacific Union Conference - 5709 N 20th St, Ridgefield WA 98642**

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### Teaching from the heart-letting JESUS be your GUIDE!

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**Registration Form (one per center)**

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**Accommodations** (1 room per center/school) will be reserved for you for Sunday night at Holiday Inn Express - 13101 NE 27th Ave, Vancouver WA 98686.

Please check one:  
- [ ] 1 King bed (1-2 people)  
- [ ] 2 Queen beds (2-4 people)

**Special lodging requests** (i.e. handicap room)

If more than one room is needed for your center, please check with your local conference office ECEC liaison for authorization.

**Plan to bring** (optional):

- 5 minutes worth of HIGHLIGHTS about your center/class - its uniqueness, successes, failures, joys, sorrows, dreams!  
  These can be in the form of a poster, a PowerPoint (we'll have computer/projector), a scrapbook, a skit(!), photos on a thumb drive, DVD, or just shared by you -- your choice.
  - [ ] Yes, reserve 5 minutes for our center/school!

- Any handouts you would like to share (i.e.) enrollments/registration forms, parent and employee handbook, parent newsletters, marketing tools...
  - [ ] Yes, reserve a spot on the table for us!

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**Please submit this form to your local conference office ECEC liaison by April 30:**

**ALASKA Conference**  
Rud Rau  
6100 O'Malley Rd  
Anchorage AK 99507  
907-346-1004  
rod.rau@ac.npuc.org

**IDAHO Conference**  
Patrick Frey  
7777 Fairview Ave  
Boise ID 83704  
208-375-7524  
patrick.frey@idconf.org

**OREGON Conference**  
Angela White/David Davies  
19800 Oatfield Rd  
Gladstone OR 97027  
503-650-3500  
angela.white@oc.npuc.org  
david.davies@oc.npuc.org

**MONTANA Conference**  
Bette Wheeling  
175 Canyon View Rd  
Bozeman MT 59715  
406-587-3101  
bette.wheeling@mc.npuc.org

**UPPER COLUMBIA Conference**  
Rochelle Stanton  
3715 S Grove Rd  
Spokane WA 99224  
509-838-2761  
rochelles@uccsdo.org

**WASHINGTON Conference**  
Becky Meharry  
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Federal Way WA 98001  
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Early Childhood Education Workshop
June 25-26, 2017
North Pacific Union Conference Office, Ridgefield, WA

Teaching from the letting Jesus be your GUIDE!

The workshop is FREE to all directors and head teachers of SDA centers/schools within the NPUC, who register by MAY 8.

ALL meetings (both days) will take place at the NPUC office (5709 N. 20th St., Ridgefield, WA, I-5 exit 14).

The 2-day workshop begins with a delicious Shamburger lunch Sunday noon.

Accommodations (1 room per center/school) will be reserved for you for Sunday night at Holiday Inn Express—Salmon Creek. (For more than one room per center please contact your local conference liaison for authorization.)

Hotel amenities include: Complimentary full buffet breakfast, in-room microwaves & refrigerators, indoor swimming pool & hot tub, fitness center, free wifi.

Dress is business casual.

Plan to Bring:

◊ 5 minutes worth of HIGHLIGHTS about your center/class—its uniqueness, successes, failures, dreams! This could be in the form of a poster, a PowerPoint (we'll have computer/projector), a skit, photos on a thumb drive, DVD, or just shared by you.

◊ Any handouts you would like to share (i.e.) enrollment/registration forms, parent and employee handbook, parent newsletters, marketing tools...

◊ Inspirational experiences you’ve had sharing Jesus with your students and their families.

(More information including topics and schedule, will be sent to registered attendees.)
Family Engagement for the Digital Age: Then & Now — By Chip Donohue
(Dean of Distance learning and Continuing Education and Director of the TEC Center at Erikson Institute in Chicago.

Then—A program or classroom newsletter copied and handed out
Then—A reminder sent home in a lunchbox or pinned to a jacket
Then—A hurried conversation in the hall at pick-up time while other parents and children vie for your attention
Then—Handwritten daily notes to let a parent know about her child’s activities during the day

Now—An email or eNewsletter distributed electronically or posted on social media or the website
Now—An email or text message to remind parents and prompt action
Now—A personal Skype or FaceTime conversation at a convenient time for the parent and teacher
Now—An online ePortfolio where teachers document and share stories, photos, videos, artwork and work samples with parents

“Family engagement is not something we do to families; it is something we do with families.”

Celebrating Children’s Books about Traditions —By Jean Dugan

Someone’s Sleepy by Deborah Lee Rose, illustrated by Dan Andreasen Ages 1-4. The toddler and her little dog in Someone’s Sleepy know just what to expect from the first yawn to lights out. This is a sweet bedtime story for very little children about the most familiar things.

My Food, Your Food by Lisa Bullard, illustrated by Christine M. Schneider Ages 4-7. Manuel makes salsa with his Abuela, and they eat it with tacos. Tony’s family makes marinara sauce and eats it with spaghetti. Mrs. Chen’s parents use chopsticks when they eat their noodles. Jayla fishes with her Dad and enjoys eating their catch. Everyone in the diverse classroom sits down to a difference type of family dinner, and they celebrate it.

A Piece of Home by Jeri Watts, illustrated by Hyewon Yum Ages 6-9. A Piece of Home is a lovely story of a Korean family’s assimilation into life in the United States, difficult for Hee Jun and his sister but more so for their grandmother, a respected teacher. Little by little, Hee Jun sees commonalities in his school and among his friends that make him feel more ‘ordinary,’ or accepted, while Grandma unexpectedly finds a new career mentoring a young teacher.

The Donkey in the Living Room by Sarah Cunningham, illustrated by Michael Foster Ages 4-8. Children will learn the true meaning of Christmas through the individual stories of the characters present at Jesus’ birth — the Donkey, Cow, Sheep, Shepherd, Angel, Camel, Wise Men, Joseph, and of course, baby Jesus — intended to be read each day in the 9-days before Christmas.

Traditions Make Us, Us —by Bonnie Neugebauer and Nancy Rosenow

Hands. Celebrating traditions makes us think of hands. The transfer of objects and ideas, hand to hand. Building of community, hands together. Preservation of culture and story, one to another. Celebration, hands clapping. Receiving, hands open. We create traditions to remember and we celebrate traditions in recognition of who and where we are. In the lives of children, families, and staff in early childhood programs, traditions create identity and belonging. They make us feel safe, known, connected—in good hands!

• Traditions Help Us Feel Valued & Safe
• Traditions Have Significance
• Traditions Hold Stories

• Traditions Have a Life Span
• Traditions Hold Opportunity
• Traditions Use Symbols

Take the time to honor the traditions within your center that make your families and staff feel celebrated and loved. In her book The Happiness Project, Gretchen Rubin write that traditions “mark the passage of time in a happy way. They provide a sense of anticipation, security, and continuity...They provide connection and predictability, which people—especially children—crave.”

Traditions help preserve the history (the story) of the school and/or classroom, and help children see themselves with this history. Traditions are sometimes created to support entry of new families, welcome children into classrooms, honor staff, celebrate milestones, or just have a grand time. Since early childhood programs are different from each other, as are their communities of children, families, and staff, traditions and rituals will hold stories that are unique to each program. Embrace the traditions in your center/school—celebrate your diversity!

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