

# Thank You

## Years of Service Awards – Teachers/Staff/Bus Drivers

### 5 Year Award

Carrie Holstege  
Daniel Sweetman  
Kristy Kegel  
Karen VanSeters

### 10 Year Award

Nathan Bleeker  
Karalyn Weeda  
Dave Rozema

### 15 Year Award

Jonathan TenElshof

### 20 Year Award

Cara TenElshof  
Tim TenElshof  
Chris Stoutjesdyk

### 30 Year Award

Linda Kegel

### 35 Year Award

Amy Byl  
Ruth Stacey

## 2016-2017 Plymouth Christian K-12 Goals

1. Work as a team to participate at school in five focused hours of planned **Curriculum** time on designated curriculum.
2. Share as a team aspects of "**Why Students Don't Like School**" (particularly but not exclusively focus on teaching strategies) and demonstrate classroom implications for administrators during observations.
3. As a team, study **Bible Doctrine** topics and explore ways to help students face the challenges in the world today.
4. Update CPR certification.

# Plymouth Christian Schools HRC Teachers' Conference

February 16-17, 2017



*Often in our school-life we busily move from one task to the next with barely a chance to breathe in between. Join us to take some time out for a spiritually focused in-service to renew our priorities in teaching, gain insight into our students, explore ways to help students face the challenges in the world today, and examine tools for incorporating a Biblical perspective in our courses.*

# Thursday, February 16, 2017

High School Gym

7:00 pm Welcome Mr. Jim Bazen

**A Biblical Worldview in Today's Culture** Rev. M. Kelderman  
How Can We Help Our Students Maintain a Compassionate Biblical Worldview Regarding Sexuality and Gender in the Face of an Abandoned Culture?

8:15 pm Dessert Social

8:45 pm **Graduate Panel:** What conflict has been experienced in the college/university setting or in the work place? What is required of us when what we are taught as "normal" or "politically correct" behavior is so opposite to our beliefs? The panel will share experiences of various campuses and the work force. As parents and teachers we gain this information to seek to better help our young people.

Moderators: Dr. D. Sweetman, Mrs. S. West

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| Participants: | Meleah Bazen    | GVSU           |
|               | Calvin Beeke    | Davenport      |
|               | Abby DeVries    | GVSU           |
|               | Esther Engelsma | Cornerstone    |
|               | Joshua Engelsma | Michigan State |
|               | Kari Timmer     | Western        |
|               | Hanokh Hiwale   | Calvin College |

# Friday, February 17, 2017

High School Room 118

8:00 am Welcome Mr. N. Bleeker

8:15 am **The Task What Doth the LORD Require of Thee?** Dr. J. Beeke  
Today's Christian school teachers are very busy meeting the various needs of students – academic, emotional, physical, and spiritual. In addition, keeping a balance among school commitments, family responsibilities and church involvement is a continual struggle. Based on the instruction through Micah and Christ's example as the Master Teacher, "What doth the Lord require of thee?" is a plea for a focus and serenity in fulfilling the calling to be a Christian school teacher.

9:15 am Break – Snack

9:45 am **The Students: Whom Are We Teaching?** Rev. F. VanderZwaag  
Parents face many challenges in seeking to raise their children in the fear of the LORD. Christian school teachers are hired to assist parents in fulfilling their baptismal vows. How can teachers best aide families in training their children, given the many stresses on family life in our media-saturated world? Are there particular ways we can reach our young people during the school years?

11:00 am Breakout Sessions

**Layman Counseling** Rev. M. Kelderman  
This is a follow-up workshop for the "Biblical Worldview" topic to provide a time for discussion and Q & A.

**Banish Bullying and Cultivate Kindness** Mrs. M. Beeke  
Love is at the very foundation of Christianity. Kindness is an expression of love, But we and our children are born as sinners and not prone to either love or kindness. In fact, some of us are bullies. We will look at ways to provide an environment of strong kindness in the classroom, as well as ways to prevent bullying, and deal with it with resolve and wisdom when it surfaces.

11:45 am Lunch High School Gym  
Opening Prayer Mr. J. Bazen  
Service Awards & Closing Reading/Prayer Mr. R. Knibbe

12:45 pm **The Preparation** Rev. M. Kuivenhoven  
There are many resources available for Bible study in print and online. Which resources are most valuable for assisting teachers with lesson development and devotions? What would be useful for students and parents, especially related to personal devotions? What are some pitfalls with using particular Bible resources?

2:00 pm **Biblical Worldview Tools** Rev. M. Kuivenhoven  
This is a follow-up workshop to the "Preparation" topic to provide hands-on experiences and time for Q & A

3:00 pm **The Challenge: How Do We Ensure that What We Teach is Important?** Rev. D. VanBrugge  
In a world where information is easily accessible, and where answers are but a typed or spoken question away, how should we teach? How should we approach our class time? How should we approach our students? How can we keep from being sidetracked as teachers? How do we ensure that what we teach is important? In this practical conclusion, teachers will be encouraged and challenged to approach all their teaching from a distinctively Christian perspective.

4:00 pm Closing Prayer Mr. K. DeVries