

Some Moncton Conference Speakers 2019



Derek J. Keenan Ed.D., ACSI Vice President, Emeritus

Derek has worked in the Academic Affairs Department at ACSI Colorado Springs from 1996 until his semi-retirement in 2017. For many years prior to relocating in Colorado he was Headmaster at Lakeland Christian School in Florida. During that time, he was a board member and eventually chairman of the ACSI Executive Board. He has overseen publishing, professional and leadership development, accreditation, certification, and assessment for ACSI and currently is assisting a school in South East Asia.



Ken Coley, Ed.D.

Ken has enjoyed a long career in education that included middle school/high school classroom teaching and Christian school administration. For the last twenty-one years, he has taught masters and doctoral level classes in educational leadership at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC. Currently he is the director of the Doctor of Education Program. He has authored three books on leadership and school administration—*The Helmsman: Leading with Courage and Wisdom* (2006) and *Navigating the Storms: Leading Christian Schools with Character and Conviction* (2010), and *Ten Practices of Effective Boards: A Unique Tale about Board Governance*

(2016). His most recent book focuses on the latest research on teaching, *Teaching for Change*.

He frequently speaks at conferences throughout the United States and has presented internationally to Christian educators and graduate students in Canada, Haiti, Cuba, Panama, the Congo (DRC) and Ukraine. Ken has been married to his wife Kathy for 42 years, and they have two children, Scott and Caitlin, who are both teachers. When he is not writing or teaching, he enjoys playing with his two German shepherds and kayaking.



Ronald Morrish has been an educator and behaviour specialist since 1972. He was a teacher with the District School Board of Niagara in St. Catharines, Ontario for 26 years. During that time he taught regular education and special education classes, was a learning resource teacher, and spent 16 years as the Board's behaviour specialist. In 1997 he became an independent consultant. Ron provides professional development programmes and courses for teachers, and speaks to parent groups and child care providers internationally. Ron has a Master's degree in education from the University of Toronto. Ron has written and published videos and three books, *Secrets of Discipline, With All Due Respect and Flip Tips*. It is a pleasure to welcome Ron back

to our convention. He always connects with teachers!



Dr. Warwick Cooper, D. Min.

Warwick has an undergraduate degree in Theology from Northwest Baptist College in Vancouver, BC, an MA from Providence Seminary in Manitoba and a D. Min. from Andersonville Baptist Seminary in Atlanta. He has been a Pastor and a Marriage and Family Counselor in Manitoba and Ontario since 1985.

Dr. Cooper has worked as the Pastor of Counseling and Family Ministries at The Peoples Church in Toronto since 2001. He manages 8 other Counselors and 11 ministries working in the community in the area of divorce recovery, family counselling, parenting classes, grief, addictions and sexual identity issues. He is a member of the Ontario Association of Consultants,

Counselors, & Psychomtertrists (OACCP), The American Association of Biblical Counselors (AABC),and the American Association of Christian Counselors (AACC).



Paul Robertson, Youth Culture Specialist for Youth Unlimited (Toronto Youth for Christ)

Paul has 45 years of working with youth including raising four grown sons of his own. Paul graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Education degrees. After teaching high school for five years, Paul has been with Youth Unlimited for 39 years. He has spoken extensively in Canada and the United States. He has been married to Marg, a public elementary school teacher, for 43 years. Their four grown sons, Ian, Aaron, Bryon, and Nathan have been the joy of their lives. He is also the proud grandfather of Matthew, Owen,

Colin, Cameron, Oliver, and Avery Robertson.



Donna Jo Hewitt

For the past nineteen years, Donna Jo Hewitt has been teaching at Calvary Christian School in St. Catharines, Ontario. Currently she is the vice principal, lead teacher responsible for the Pre School and Kindergarten Program, and is in charge of ministry support and development for her school.

Donna Jo has completed several additional qualification courses through Redeemer University College. These include the Autism Spectrum Disorders course and the first two levels toward her Special Education Specialist designation. She is passionate about teaching and training children to be all they are called to be. Donna Jo is part of the Special Education Team at Calvary Christian School and focuses on early identification, intervention, and program planning. She is actively involved in presenting workshops for teachers, educators, and volunteers in school, church, and community settings. Donna Jo and her husband reside in the Niagara Region.



Matthew Turton

Matthew is the Director of Breakthroughs in Learning located in Waterloo, ON. Having grown up with Learning Disabilities and overcome them, Breakthroughs is an opportunity for him to give back. He has logged over 15,000 hours working with children and adults with learning disabilities, and leads a team of passionate Educational Therapists as they make a difference together. Matthew is a dynamic speaker who shares his experience of what it's like to be on both sides of learning disabilities.