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A New Year of Fearless Living

Would it not be wonderful to wake up one morning and experience total fearlessness? I am not referring to the loss of good fear (the fear that keeps you from jumping out of a 20 story window). I am talking about the loss of bad fear (the fear of what might happen to you in the future). I think you know the fear of which I write. We all live with fear like that. What if I lose my job? Will my children be safe today? Do I have enough saved for retirement? Will I spend the rest of my life alone? I could fill the page with a list of the fears that haunt us daily.

So what if you woke up one day and knew that you had nothing to fear because your life would turn out the way you want? Our bad fears are really about believing that we will not get everything we want. We fear loss and shame and long for lives that allow us to feel loved, respected and significant. We also long for deep happiness. We hope that our futures will feature more gain than loss.

And this is why we all fear—we know we might not get the things we want. Plenty of

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people don't. Investments are wiped out, jobs lost, spouses leave, children rebel, people become gravely ill, and so on. Many people live lives of ongoing losses which steal away the joy of life. So this bad fear haunts us all.

But God tells us over and over again, not to be afraid. We all know this. We have read "*fear not*" in the Bible more times than we can account for. Some of you are really overcoming your fears. I am not among you. As I age I seem to accumulate more things to fear. What if the cancer comes back? Will I be able to care for my sick and aging parents? How much worse will things get? So this New Year, I am determined to face my fears head on and this is what I have learned so far.

God has promised to give me what I really want... in His time. I understand that what I really want is total security, absolute love, and unending joy. I will eventually experience all these things. I already have the first two even if I don't 'feel' them all the time. I need to view things from the Biblical frame more and more regularly to develop this perspective.

The fearful circumstances I face are designed to push me away from what will fail me to what will never fail. I think if I save up enough I will have a decent retirement. But God wants me to put His kingdom first and feel secure in doing His will. As long as I look to something that will fade because it is of this world, I will be imprisoned to fear about loss and shame. God wants me to understand the temporary nature of this world and to lean completely on Him for the fulfillment of my deepest desires.

Learning the all sufficiency of Christ in all circumstances is the key lesson of my life, one that replaces fear of the future with faith in Jesus. The more my faith rests in Christ, the more fearlessly I will live. We have brothers and sisters around the world who live very precarious lives as a result of where they live and Who they live for. But I have met people in desperate slums who emulate fearless faithfulness to Christ because they are so convinced that God will never fail them. He will give them all they need to build His Kingdom and, when it is done, welcome them into a place of perfect, joyful life for eternity.

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As Christian Educators we are determined to prepare a generation of students who live according to faith and not fear. I think we know that we need to learn those lessons along with our students. We also know that the more we are able to wake up fearlessly, the more adept we will be at equipping our students to do the same.

So will you join me on a journey this year to filter our fears through the revealed truth of Scripture? Will you bring your fears to Christ daily and ask Him to carry them? And will you have the freedom to obey Him in a deeply, radical and faith-fueled way? Our students need men and woman of faith to lead them. May God shape us into more confident servants who take heed to the call to "*fear not*" and who live boldly for the sake of Christ.

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Events

Find information and register for events on our [website](#). The ACSI Events Calendar for 2016/2017 is posted on our Home page.

Administrator/Board Conference

This year's MB Administrator/Board Conference will be February 16–17 at Linden Christian School in Winnipeg, MB. Check [here](#) for online registration and updated information.

District Meetings

District Meetings have been scheduled for this winter/spring. Agendas will be sent to member schools approximately one month before the scheduled meeting.

MB administrators will meet February 16 at Linden Christian School, Winnipeg.

BC administrators will meet March 3 at Cornerstone Christian School, Abbotsford.

Updated information will be available on our [website](#).

Professional Development

In keeping with our mission to enable Christian educators to effectively prepare students for life, ACSI offers professional development specifically designed to benefit teachers and administrators within our member schools. It is also a good opportunity to meet with colleagues and continue to build a support network for your school.

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The **Island PD Day** will be on February 10 at Phil & Jennie Gaglardi Academy in Comox, BC. The **BC North PD Day** will be held February 24 at Maranatha Christian School, Williams Lake, BC. Brochures and registration information will be sent to your school. Go to our [website](#) for online registration and more information.

Student Activities

The foundation of a good life is both an understanding of God's Word and a commitment to live in a way that reflects His character. The most important thing we can do is to equip our students, then give them a life-applicable understanding of the Word.

Our annual **Spring Musicale** for Jr. and Sr. High choir and bands will be held May 11–May 12, 2017, at Prairie College in Three Hills, AB. For more information visit our [website](#).

Teacher Conventions

Our Teacher Conventions are focused on ways to continually improve as Christian schools. Brochures for all conventions will be sent to your schools. Check our website for more information or to register online:

MB Teacher Convention is at Linden Christian School, Winnipeg, on February 16–17. [MB Teacher Convention](#)

ACSI members go to my.acsi.org to join the Teacher Convention group on ConNEXUS for discussion and information.

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College Corner

If any of our member colleges have an upcoming open house or other event that would be of interest to our students, please let our office know so that we can include the information in upcoming issues of the Communicator.

Peace River Bible Institute Events

eView —Come get a sneak peek into college life at PRBI! Experience Friday Night LIVE, Coffee House, Gym Activities, Dessert Social, the Classroom and much more. An absolutely FREE youth event on March 9–11, 2017 for Grade 10+. We offer a \$500 campus visit bursary to ALL who attend!

REACH Travel Program—Want to REACH out and live your faith in different cultures? Expand your understanding of the impact Jesus is having around the world? The REACH Certificate is designed to lead you into a deeper faith through study as well as practical hands-on experience. Visit our [website](#) or call 1.780.568.3962 for more information.

PRBI Campus Visits—Plan a campus visit that compliments your schedule and get the full picture of our campus and college life! To arrange for a campus visit, please [email](#) us or call 780.568.3962.

Prairie College Events

Prairie College Personalized Visits—we will personalize your very own **FREE** [campus visit](#) and create a customized experience that will meet your needs. Our Admissions Office is open Monday–Friday from 9:00am–5:00pm all year round to serve you. For more information or to arrange a visit [email](#) us or call 1.800.661.2425.

Prairie College Preview Days—**FREE** one-day events that allow a prospective student to experience a day in the life at Prairie. Preview Days include information sessions, campus tours, a demo Bible class, a chance to meet with Admissions staff, faculty, coaching staff and enjoy some Prairie hospitality. Preview Day dates are: Friday, March 10, 2017, or Saturday, April 8, 2017. To register visit our [website](#).

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Vanguard College Preview Days or Personal Visits

If you are interested in experiencing a day in the life of a Vanguard student, you have two options; you can come and have a personalized visit anytime during the school year, or you can come for one of our preview days in March. It is free to attend and travel assistance is available. Please contact Enrolment Services at 1.866.222.0808 or check out our [website](#).

The King's University Events

Open House Events—Join us for our Open House Event on **March 4, 2017** to see why students thrive at King's. Take a tour. Talk with an Admissions Counsellor. Meet faculty and current students who are ready to answer your questions. Have your

application fee waived when you apply at this event and enter to win a \$1,000 tuition rebate. This is a drop-in event. No registration required. For more information, contact Admissions at 780.465.8334 or [by email](#). See you there!

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King's View Fridays (KVF)—King's View Friday features a full day of sessions on admissions, financial aid, and student life. Students have the chance to sit in on classes, tour the campus, meet with Admissions staff, current King's students and faculty. KVF is free of charge and includes a hot lunch. Students can also register to spend a night in residence. Upcoming KVF dates: **January 27, February 10, March 24, and April 7**. For a sample schedule and to register, please visit our [website](#). Registration cuts off one week prior to the event.

King's Encounter Weekend (KEW)—Join us on campus for a full weekend and experience what being a King's student is really like. Sit in on classes, ask our professors questions about the programs you're interested in and talk to current students about their first year experience. Stay in our student residence and see what life will be like away from home. There is also an optional off-campus excursion to check out West Edmonton Mall or Whyte Avenue. Upcoming KEW dates: **March 16–18**. For a sample schedule and to register for this event, please visit our [website](#). Registration cuts off one week prior to the event.

Personal Visits—If none of the above-noted events work with your schedule, we can arrange for you to meet one-on-one with an Admissions Counsellor. Personal visits can be scheduled Monday–Friday between 9:00am and 4:00pm. Please contact Admissions at 780.465.8334 or [by email](#) to book an appointment.

Rosebud School of the Arts

Live the Theatre in Rosebud!

A valuable part of our program is the International Theatre Trip. Rosebud School of the Arts students travel to London, New York and Canada's West Coast to experience theatre and work with theatre professionals in the city. This year's London Trip Fundraiser "10 Minute Play Creation" is coming up January 28th in Rosebud.

[Contact us](#) for tickets, or information on how you can support our students in their studies.

Rosebud School of the Arts is already accepting applications for September 2017. Check out our [website](#) for more details and our application form. Or contact our Recruitment Officer via [email](#) for more details

Be sure to like Rosebud Theatre & Rosebud School of the Arts on Facebook to keep in touch!

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School News

We would like to encourage you to [email](#) newsworthy information about your school to be included in this section of the monthly Communicator.

Global Outreach

School Global Outreach News

One of the reasons our schools are so strong is because of their passionate concern for exalting Jesus among the nations. We will be highlighting your stories in the Communicator to encourage each other with how our schools are doing this. Please forward stories to our office from recent mission trips and/or mission projects if you would like to share what your school is doing in support of reaching the world for Christ.

School Mission Trips

Many of our schools will be sending student groups on mission trips this year. Please send us your school name and the dates and destination of your trip so we can pray for you as you travel and spread God's love around the world.



2016–17 Classrooms for Africa Project

Each year ACSI Western Canada selects a project to support. For the 2016–17 school year ACSI Western Canada has decided to focus on raising funds for the Dust to Desk Project. This year's goal is to provide 2,000 students with desks. The cost is \$80 per desk (each desk seats 4–5 students) or \$800 per classroom. The donations collected at the ACSI Teacher Conventions will go toward this goal. More information on this will be available at the conventions. To donate online go to www.classroomsforafrica.org/take-action. A promotional PowerPoint and a video are available for schools and teachers to use for their students and school communities. Please [email](#) us or check out our [website](#) for more information.



Classrooms for Africa—Teacher Tour: Summer 2017

A team of educators is being put together who will travel to Uganda in July 2017 to conduct teacher training for teachers in Christian schools in that country. If you want more information or are interested in joining the team, please [email](#) us or check out our [website](#) for more information.

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Learning Revolution | Educator Event

The number one TED Talk speaker and the world's most acclaimed expert on education reform, Sir Ken Robinson is coming to the Greater Vancouver area for the first time to inspire educators and business leaders to rethink education for the 21st century during the Learning Revolution event in Abbotsford on January 13.

Sir Ken Robinson is an internationally recognized authority on creativity and innovation in education and business, as well as a renowned author, speaker and advisor to educators, government bodies and arts organizations all over the world. His famous TED Talk speech, "Do Schools Kill Creativity?" is the most watched TED Talk of all time, viewed online over 40 million times and seen by an estimated 350 million people in 160 countries.

The Learning Revolution is being hosted by Abbotsford Christian School, a leading elementary and secondary school with a strong vision for the future of education, not only at its school but throughout the region. ACS currently offers 21st century learning and Project Based Learning programs for students as well as a Project Based Learning Residency for both independent and public school teachers.

Friday, January 13, 2017, 1:00pm—3:30pm at Gateway Community CRC, 2884 Abbotsford Mission Hwy, Abbotsford, BC

Tickets: \$25 each (bulk rates available). For more information or to purchase tickets, visit the [website](#), or contact Brian Koning at 604.755.8108.

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Serve as a Teacher with Mission Aviation Fellowship of Canada

Teachers are needed to provide an education for the school-aged children of MAF families and those of our ministry partners overseas. As a qualified teacher, you can play an essential role as part of a team seeking to share the love of Jesus Christ in remote areas. MAF teachers provide quality instruction for the children of MAF missionaries, enabling families to serve in

strategic locations where quality education is not otherwise available. What's more, many of our teachers also have an opportunity to provide Christian witness to the children of parents serving with non-Christian development agencies overseas and to the local people. MAF places teachers in a number of school settings all around the world, ranging from small one-room, multi-grade classrooms to larger, traditional accredited international schools. Teacher needs vary from year to year. If you have a Canadian Provincial or ACSI (Association of Christian Schools Int'l) teacher certification, you can qualify for a short or long-term role; the minimum commitment is one school year. Find out more at:

<https://www.mafc.org/recruiting/teachers>

Professional Development for School Leaders

Van Lunen Center: Executive Management in Christian Schools: a year-long professional development course. For more information please visit their [website](#), or contact [Henry Contant](#), 778.808.7776.

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