Join the 2006 National Association for the Education of Young Children November 8 - 11, 2006 in Atlanta, GA

The National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) will be the nation’s largest meeting of early childhood educators and professionals!

The NAEYC Annual Conference & Expo . . .

is just two short months away, so now is the time to make plans! This year, the conference is being held November 8-11 in Atlanta, GA.

Special NAEYC Conference rates have been negotiated with hotels in Atlanta. To take advantage of these rates, be sure to make your reservation by October 20, 2006. After that date, the official room blocks will be released and hotel rates may be significantly higher.

There is more information about the Annual Conference online at http://www.annualconference.naeyc.org/

An in so doing... Remember that:

The Adventist Child Care Network will meet, as usual, during the NAEYC annual conference. This year, we have been assigned the same room for all three of our meetings: the Sycamore Room of the Omni Hotel at CNN Center.

On Wednesday, Nov. 8, the Adventist Child Care Network will meet from 7:00-8:30 p.m. for the annual business and networking. The ACCN directory is expected to be completed and ready for distribution at this meeting. In addition, there will be several informational items and updates for Adventist early childhood professionals.

On Friday, Nov. 10, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., Adventist early childhood professionals are welcome to join us for a sundown worship service.

Saturday morning we will assemble for a Sabbath morning worship service and lunch. We will try to make arrangements for transportation to an Adventist church or we may have a speaker meet with our group. Either way we will be able to spend the Sabbath hours together.

Please check the 2006 Annual Conference Final Program for ACCN meetings & room assignments.

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Teacher Convention Comments

The convention was more wonderful than I could ever imagine---it was truly a blessing to me. My goal is to have all ECEC staff at the next NAD convention.

Robin Aaron, Director of CA Milpitas Discoveryland
Teacher Convention Comments, continued

That was just a wonderful conference and there was such bonding and a great feeling of being recognized by the early childhood ed. community. Henry Wright is my cousin and I thought he also did a great job.

We made some great contacts there and appreciate all that you are doing to improve the lives of the children and the teachers. You always give us great support and we really appreciate that.

Thanks for everything,
Gwen Dozier
National Child Care Systems
http://www.nccs.citymax.com/page/page/1325265.htm

Keynote speaker George Knight emphasized the connection between Adventist education and end-time prophecies. Reviewing the increasing number of Adventist schools from two in 1880 to 2,178 worldwide in 1930 and 6,846 today, Knight attributed the educational growth to the “explosive fuel of the apocalyptic vision.”

“Seventh-day Adventism has never seen itself as just another denomination, but rather, from its inception, as a mission to the world,” he said. “Adventist parents were willing to sacrifice to establish an education system that would make a difference in the world. . . . The primary function of Adventist Christian education is to lead young people into a transforming, saving relationship with Jesus Christ. I think we need to take that very seriously. . . . The health of Adventism is in a large degree in the hands of Adventist education.” (Copyright © 2006. Adventist Review. Retrieved August 28, 2006 from: http://adventistreview.org/article.php?id=704)