

Teaching Global Citizens
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Who: teachers and administrators who are members of the CEA. Experience with
Where: First Floor Convention Center Room 6. Space for 60 people. Make handout copies for 75% of room capacity (45 copies)
When: Oct 13, 2011. 3:30-4:30 pm. Last session of the day. Two day conference.
Why: Christian educators want to raise a new generation of students who see themselves as Global Christians, serving others at home or cross-culturally in whatever their vocation.
What: (from session description) Practical ideas and personal opinions on how to foster global citizens in your classroom, from a child of missionaries who now works for CRWRC.
What for: Achievement Based Objectives
Participants will have...
Shared ideas with each other that they have used toward fostering global Christians.
Expanded their concept of Christian cross-cultural living.
Listened to and identified practical ideas and resources for teaching Global Christians.

Session Outline

- First 3-5 minutes: share one teaching idea with someone nearby that you've used to get your students interested in other cultures or cross-cultural service.
- Speech: personal bio, biblical foundations, do's and don'ts, activities, bread game, resources.
- Do: bread activity (10 slices, 10 people. Two get 6 slices, three get two slices, and five get 2 slices.)
- Closing 3 mins: share one idea with your neighbor that you will try to use in your teaching.

Biblical foundations

- We are all Global Christians. Christianity doesn't belong to any one nation, people, language, or culture. Christian unity is greater than nationalism.
- OT: Exodus and Leviticus often say, "don't mistreat the foreigner". NT goes much further: you and the foreigner are one in Christ.
- Cosmopolitan Christians: John 3:16, "God so loved the *cosmos*," and 2 Cor 5:19, "God was reconciling the *cosmos* to himself in Christ." If God loves the *cosmos*, then so should we!
- Ephesians 2:19 – Gentiles and Jews are all part of God's family
⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household,
- Galatians 3:26-29 - not the abolishment of cultural differences, but these are superseded by our allegiance to Christ and his kingdom.
²⁶ So in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith, ²⁷ for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.
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- Great commission: Matthew 28:16-20
¹⁶ Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸ Then Jesus came to

them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Do's and Don'ts

- Culture is more than food, songs, and clothes
- It's easy to say "Here are strange things people wear/eat/do in another culture." It's better to make other cultures relatable without mocking.
- Instead of contrasting cultures ("This is what is different") try comparing cultures to find common ground ("This is what is similar").
- Don't assume or teach that people from other cultures are the same. They aren't.
- Geography is a necessary part of fostering Global Christians.
- Read stories about different places that you learn about in history and geography.
- Learn to wait/mosey as part of cross-cultural learning. Don't always try to serve by getting things done. Patient, meaningful time waiting can be a great way to form relationships across cultures.

Activities

- Praying for people and countries of the world using the book "Window on the World," from Operation World.
- Cross-cultural experiences nearby: refugees, joint service projects, play.
- Look at the tags of your clothing in your closet and write down where they are from. Map it out.
- Skype with a missionary
- Do joint activities or learning with a sister school (nearby or abroad)
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Resources

- For more detailed notes, see the handout "Resources for Teaching Global Christians"