
DCE Connection

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A New Direction!

As you look through this issue of *DCE Connection*, you will notice some things are different. There are good reasons for that. Let me explain. When Mike McGervey left, it was decided that this was a good time to put all the responsibilities of counselor training — including the task of editing this newsletter — into the hands of the training coordinator.

In January, at the regional training coordinator's conference, we reviewed the newsletter and decided that some changes should be made. With these changes, the newsletter takes a new direction. One of the changes is an effort to put more regional information and news into each newsletter. Another thing we would like to do is get more input from you, the DCE. If you have any information you feel would help other DCEs, then drop us a line (or e-mail) and we would be glad to give it space.

As the title of this issue states these changes are intended to send *DCE Connection* in a new direction ... one which is more personal and informative. We are trying to accomplish this by looking at what has been done and evaluating: "What was effective and what was not?" Then we must find new ways to be effective in weak areas.

Often when we, as DCEs, find that things are not going the way we think they should, we think we need to try harder to make it work. We try the same thing over and over because that's the way it's always been done. Like the old adage says, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."

In order to succeed we need to look at what has been done in our councils and evaluate its effectiveness. Finding ways to be more effective may mean going in a new direction, targeting differ-

ent needs, finding other ways to help the counselors in our councils. Do some brainstorming. Don't ignore any ideas, no matter how unusual or outrageous they may seem. Remember that if we do everything in a prayerful way, God will provide us with the necessary answers. We just need to be open to those answers. Explore all these ideas. From them, new radical ways may appear that now accomplish what we wanted to accomplish at the very beginning. All this can take place because we took a new direction.

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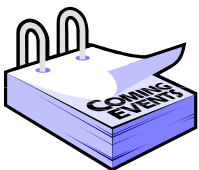
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The Digital Way

In the fall 1998 issue of *DCE Connection* we began a column named "Going Digital." In it, we have written about all kinds of matters that deal with being digital. We feel it's now time to go more digital ourselves.

With costs going up all the time, we constantly look for ways to reduce our expenses. A large part of our *DCE Connection* expenses are printing and mailing costs. With the huge increase in DCEs with access to the Internet and more and more organizations using the Internet as a way to distribute newsletters, we feel we can cut down on our printing and mailing cost by distributing *DCE Connection* via e-mail attachment.

With the software we use to lay out *DCE Connection*, and the free software available to you, we would like to start sending *DCE Connection* to you in a format that can be read by software available free on the net called **Adobe Acrobat Reader**. This software can be accessed through the *DCE* website at www.teeninga.com/dce/dceconn.html.



DCE Training

Phase 1 March 21–23, 2002
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Phase 2 September 20–22, 2001
Flamborough, Ontario

Phase 3 October 25–27, 2001
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Previous issues of *DCE Connection* are already available on the Internet. Check to see how it works and what it could look like.

When we send you the newsletter as an attachment to an e-mail, you can read it and print it using this free software. Some of the benefits would be:

1. It reduces expenses.
2. It can be seen and printed in color.
3. It would arrive much faster.

Since not everyone has an e-mail address and some have other reasons why they would prefer a printed copy mailed to them, here's what we propose to do. Let us know that you would like to receive *DCE Connection* digitally, by sending us an e-mail at digitalyes@teeninga.com. We will then remove you from our snail mail list and add you to our digital mail list.

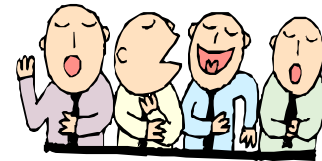
We hope to be able to serve you better in this manner. Soon we hope to offer other information in the same format. Let's work together and make this effort successful and cut expenses allowing us to use the money in other ways to help the ministry of Cadets.

Conference Dates

North and South Central Regions
November 3, 2001 • Holland, Michigan

Eastern Region — Conference 17
November 10, 2001 • Chatham, Ontario

North Region
November 10, 2001 • Red Deer, Alberta



Conference Info

The third annual fall conference for the two Central Regions will be held at Calvary CRC in Holland, Michigan on Saturday, November 3. Workshops that are confirmed include:

- Glass Etching
- Woodworking
- Roadkill Leathercraft
- Fishing Rod Construction
- Council Newsletters
- Bible Lessons
- Bird Watching
- International Camporee
- Brainstorming 1 (things that work)
- Brainstorming 2 (problem solving)
- Coin Collecting

Information will be mailed to council presidents and head counselors in August. Registration cost is \$20 per person if received by October 1 and \$25 after that. There will be five sessions — three in the morning and two in the afternoon.

The schedule will be as follows:

8:30 - 9:00	Registration
9:00 - 9:45	Pastor Frank
9:50 - 10:40	Session I
10:40 - 11:00	Break
11:00 - 11:50	Session II
11:55 - 12:45	Session III
12:45 - 1:30	Lunch
1:30 - 2:20	Session IV
2:25 - 3:15	Session V
3:15 - 3:30	Wrap Up

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The End of an Era

Thanks, Mike!

This is truly the end of an era! In the fall of 1982, Dave Koetje, then executive director of Cadets, tested the first DCE training through a pilot project. When Dick Broene became the new executive director in the fall of 1984, Mike McGervey took over the DCE training program. Since then, Mike has been the main driving force behind DCE, doing all the training, editing *DCE Connection*, presenting convention workshops, developing packaged workshops for DCEs to present in their councils, and much more.

In 1996, Mike helped to form and guide a DCE task force as it reviewed the DCE program and made recommendations to the executive committee. These recommendations saw the addition of a staff training coordinator and the forming of regions with regional training coordinators. At the same time, Mike rewrote the *DCE Manual*, putting most of the material a DCE needs to be an effective trainer into an information-packed single binder. During

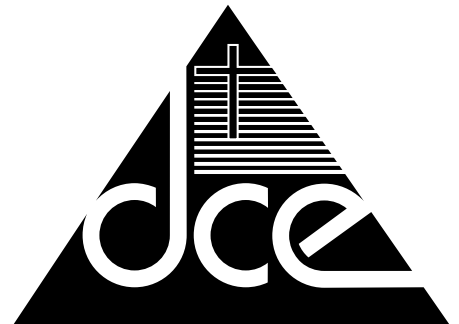
his time as DCE trainer, Mike prepared almost 200 men to go back to their councils and to train counselors for their task of reaching boys for Christ. In September, 2000, Mike informed us that he had taken a job in north Carolina and would be moving there. After discussions with the executive director and training coordinator, the executive committee decided that Mike now lived too far away. It was time to hand the task of training over to the training coordinator. As of January, all aspects of training were delegated to Bernard Teeninga.

As you can see, Mike has played a very important role in equipping counselors to minister to their Cadets. We thank God that He led Mike to be of service in cadeting. Thanks to Mike's guidance and direction, the vision has developed to a point where DCEs now play an important part in the Cadet program by providing training at council meetings, conventions, and conferences across the continent.

I was involved from the beginning of the pilot project, and worked closely with Mike. We've become good friends, and I am in awe of what has been accomplished for Cadets through his leadership. I will miss working with Mike and pray that God will use him in his new position to have an impact there as he has here. All that is left to say is:

**MANY
THANKS,
MIKE!**

—Bernard Teeninga



Regional News



Eastern Region Update :

Hello fellow DCE members. At the time I write this, it is over 40 degrees Celsius (104° Fahrenheit) outside and we are in the middle of an extended heat wave. I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break and got fully rested up for the upcoming new Cadet season.

A few activities have taken place since our RTC conference back in January. A Phase 1 DCE course was held in Dundas, Ontario from March 22–24. Six interested counselors took part in the course. Four councils were represented:

Eastern

Mark Romanko

Grand Valley

Ron Lynema

Niagara

Pieter Aanen

Ryan Suk

Maitland Valley

Peter Teertstra

Dick Oldenburger

All six will be moving on to Phase 2 at a later date. Update letters have been sent to all Eastern Region team leaders and forms are slowly coming back.

Thanks for spending the time necessary to keep us updated.

Annual council education plan forms have been sent to all Eastern Region team leaders. These forms will assist us in establishing a data base of workshop leaders for future council meetings and upcoming conferences.

Continue to keep the DCE program in your prayers and may the Lord bless you richly as you develop the ministry and better equip the counselors in your area.

Bob Luyk

Eastern Region RTC

More Conference Info

Eastern Region Conference 17
November 10, 2001

St. Paul's Congregational Church
Chatham, Ontario

Registration information available
from:

Allen Baljeu — 519-251-0641
e-mail: abaljeu@ibm.net

North Region Conference
November 10, 2001

First Chr. Ref. Church
Red Deer, Alberta

Registration information available
from:

Lance Oostenbrug — 403-341-3692
e-mail: eastbridge@home.com



Back row (left to right): **Peter, Ron, Dick, Pieter**

Front row (left to right): **Mark, Ryan**