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“Loving, Learning & Leading Through this New Chapter in God’s Story.”

Dear PCCE Community

Does last Monday seem like yesterday? Or a month ago? Or both at the same time? How things have changed. Thank you for all the work you have done in the last week! Your commitment to your students, your schools and your communities is beyond admirable!

Now as we begin to look ahead, we want to let you know about some **changes** to upcoming PCCE events:

- **April 25 AGM - we will not be holding this event in person.** We are investigating the options available to hold the meeting in other formats and will let you know when we know more. If people from your community already booked hotel rooms, remember to cancel.
- **TfT 101 - again, the in-person events are cancelled** and we are exploring ways to hold the sessions electronically. Once things settle a bit, we’ll be in touch with participants.
- **Leadership Cohort Conference** on May 7 & 8. We haven’t yet officially cancelled this event, but it is looking more and more like that will happen.

LOVING

Frodo: *“I wish it need not have happened in my time.”*

Gandalf: *“So do I, and so do all who live to see such times. But that is not for them to decide. All we have to decide is what to do with the time that is given us.”*

—@JRRTolkien,

You may be feeling a bit “Frodo” these days! Totally understandable and expected. But it is also important to remember the wisdom of Gandalf: let’s commit to using these times for unprecedented love. That will look different for each of us, so the

challenge is to NOTICE. Notice your neighbor. Notice that person from your church. Notice your spouse. Notice and act with love.

LEARNING

We hope you received our “**TfT Parent Resource**” and are planning to pass it on to the families in your class. We encourage you to plan with “Community Building” in mind for this week and “Beauty Creating” in mind for next week.

Many of you wrote a “Deep Hope” for your students this year and, although circumstances have changed far beyond what you probably imagined, this may be an excellent time to filter all of the emails/resources/suggestions that you are getting and reflect back on what it is you want students to remember 25 years from now about their learning experiences. As one TfT teacher stated on Twitter (@PeterWelle) last week: “Working on ways to go deeper with my students through this distance learning experience. Now, more than ever, we need to return to our Deep Hope as educators and rebuild from there.”

LEADING

School leaders are invited to join your colleagues **TODAY at 11:00 MDT** for a ZOOM gathering. It is important to continue to see each other - even if that is on a computer monitor. It will be a time to share updates, ask questions, encourage each other and pray together. Hope to see lots of you then! <https://zoom.us/j/152496422?pwd=N3M5a2oyQjBSb3BLbVBrN2RuT1R5QT09>

Yesterday you received an email invitation to join the PCCE Slack community. Yes, it's another app/program at a time when you may feel overloaded with new technology, but we are confident that this will be a worthwhile space for you to connect with your colleagues.

While our school contexts are diverse, the one thing we all have in common is leading a Christian school through challenging times. You are probably getting inundated with information, suggestions, directives from every direction, but your PCCE colleagues are your partners in wrestling with what it looks like to offer a peculiar Christian education in this new context. The “channel” you were invited to join is a private group for our Leadership Cohort.