
TEACH-CT

The Education Association of Christian
Homeschoolers of CT

15th Annual
Home School Convention

“Abounding in Hope”



Todd Wilson



Mark Hamby



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The First Cathedral – Bloomfield, CT

Welcome to Our 15th Annual Homeschool Convention & Curriculum Fair

“Abounding in Hope”

*“Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that
you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”
Romans 15:13*

Many of you have been homeschooling for many years, while some of you are just beginning your homeschool journey, and some are still considering whether or not to take the plunge. We all, however, have one thing in common, and that is the desire to train our children to live a life pleasing to God. Our speakers and workshops were carefully chosen to help you accomplish that goal, and we pray your time with us this weekend will be one of edification, a strengthening of your commitment and values, and learning new and practical ways to train your children to the glory of God.

TEACH-CT is proud to host this conference, and is delighted to have you all join us for this annual event. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance to you. Thank you for being with us!

About TEACH-CT

The Education Association of Christian Homeschoolers of Connecticut (TEACH-CT), established in 1990, is a state-wide organization serving Connecticut homeschooling parents. We are committed to help, support, inspire, and protect families in their God-given right to direct the education of their children, regardless of religious affiliation. Membership benefits include:

- ✓ Legislative monitoring and timely information on legal and moral issues
- ✓ Discounts to our annual convention and other TEACH sponsored events
- ✓ Networking, assistance, and referrals to local support groups
- ✓ Discount for annual Home School Legal Defense Association membership
- ✓ Teacher ID card for local store discounts

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Convention Information

Emergency Phone Number

You may provide the following number as an emergency contact number **(860) 508-0975**. Messages received will be forwarded to the TEACH-CT Registration Desk at the front entrance.

Information and Lost & Found

Questions may be answered and other information obtained at the Conference Registration Desk or the TEACH-CT Information Table in the Exhibit hall. Lost and found items will be at the TEACH-CT Information Table.

Children & Infants

Young people ages 12-22 are welcome to attend the convention at a reduced rate. Nursing infants, under age 2, are welcome to accompany their parents to workshops. If your baby becomes noisy, (even those cute happy noises) please step out of the room, as the noises can disturb others and can be heard on audio tapes. Thank you in advance for being considerate.

Nametags

Nametags must be worn at all times **ABOVE** your waist. Your nametag is your admission ticket. If you are not wearing a nametag you may be asked to leave.

Nursing Mothers Room

A room has been set aside for nursing mothers near the Registration Desk at the front entrance.

Solicitation

No group or individual will be allowed to solicit or distribute any materials without prior authorization from the convention coordinator.

Food

The First Cathedral has a comfortable dining hall where meals and a-la-carte items will be served. No outside food will be allowed in the building. A list of area restaurants can be found on page 23 of this program.

Endorsements

The presence of a particular speaker or exhibitor at this convention does not constitute an endorsement of their product or service, or imply that a comprehensive evaluation of their product or service has been made by TEACH-CT. We strive to present speakers and exhibitors whose material is compatible with Biblical principles.

Refund Policy

No refunds or adjustments to the convention fees will be made at the convention. Check with each vendor to determine their refund policy.

This Facility

Again this year, we are grateful to our friends at The First Cathedral for making available their lovely building as our conference venue. Please help us insure that we are welcomed back next year.

Schedule-at-a-Glance

Friday, June 12

11:00 a.m.	Doors open for registration & Exhibit Hall
12:30 p.m.	Workshops - Session 1
2:00 p.m.	Workshops - Session 2
3:30 p.m.	Workshops - Session 3
4:30 p.m.	Dinner break & Exhibit Hall
6:15 p.m.	Exhibit Hall closed
6:30 p.m.	General Session
	Presentation / Special Music: Sarah Pan Welcome by Peter Martin, President of TEACH Keynote address by Mark Hamby Graduate Recognition
8:30 p.m.	Convention closed for the day

Saturday, June 13

8:30 a.m.	Doors open for registration & Exhibit Hall
9:00 a.m.	Workshops - Session 4
10:30 a.m.	General Session
	Speaker: Todd Wilson Special Music: New England Girls Choir
11:45 a.m.	Lunch break and Exhibit hall
1:30 p.m.	Workshops - Session 5
3:00 p.m.	Workshops - Session 6
4:30 p.m.	Exhibit Hall & Convention closed

Featured Speakers



Mark Hamby

For the past fifteen years, MARK HAMBY has served as keynote speaker on the subjects of parenting, marriage, teens, education and Biblical studies at conferences and churches throughout the country and abroad. Mark attributes the overwhelming responses to the power of God and His Word, being keenly aware that God's strength is made perfect in weakness. The uniqueness of Mark's seminars is that they are so refreshingly transparent. Through laughter and tears, broken men and women leave each session filled with hope and a renewed vision for a Christ-like life and a redeemed family. Some say that Mark's Life-Transforming Seminars are powerful because of his transparency, while others say it is because they are filled with fresh biblical insights; but Mark knows that it is God alone who can heal the brokenhearted and set the captive free!



Todd Wilson

TODD WILSON, author of *Lies Homeschooling Moms Believe, Help! I'm Married to a Homeschooling Mom* and *The Official Book of Homeschooling Cartoons*, is a dad, writer, conference speaker, and former pastor. Todd's humor and gut-honest realness have made him a favorite speaker at homeschool conventions across the country and a guest on *Focus on the Family*. As founder of Familyman Ministries, his passion and mission are to remind dads and moms of what's most important through *The Familyman Weekly* (a weekly e-mail sent to thousands of dads), seminars, and books that encourage parents. Todd, and his wife Debbie, homeschool their eight children in northern Indiana. You can visit Familyman Ministries at www.familymanweb.com.



Dari Mullins

Dari is the co-author of *Galloping the Globe and Cantering the Country*, is the mother of three children. She began researching homeschooling in 1995. She and her husband, Allen, have taught their children at home since the oldest started kindergarten in 1997. They live in Asheville, NC where Dari teaches co-op classes and stays active with the local homeschool community. She serves on the board of the Western Carolina Athletic Association which provides junior and senior high homeschooled students with organized team sports. Dari specializes in learning styles and provides extensive learning style assessments and curriculum consulting for homeschoolers. She is currently working for Bright Ideas Press, publishers of *Mystery of History* and other great titles, as the project manager for their new all-inclusive curriculum, *Illuminations*.



2009 Graduates

*TEACH-CT congratulates this year's
homeschooled graduates and their parents*

Amanda Carole Barlow
Karryn Bigelow
Rebecca Lee Burdick
Stephanie Faith Greenwood
Janna Kinsky
Jenny Catherine March
Tammy Morelli
Sarah Joy Pan
Amy Patterson
Natalie Pierce
Chelsea Rankin
Richard A. Reihl
Joy Welborn
Ethan Andrew Zitzman

Windsor
Bloomfield
Windsor Locks
Bloomfield
West Granby
Middletown
Manchester
Burlington
New Hartford
Marion
Burlington
Lebanon
Stamford
Southbury


So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure. Do all things without grumbling or disputing; so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you appear as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I will have reason to glory because I did not run in vain nor toil in vain.


Phil 2: 12-16




Workshops Schedule - Friday, June 12

11:00 A.M. - Doors Open for Registration and Exhibit Hall

12:30 to 1:30 P.M.	Session 1	Presenter
Sanctuary:	Building Character...One Story at a Time!	Mark Hamby
Multi-purpose room:	S.T.R.E.S.S and the Homeschool Mom	Dari Mullins
Conference Room:	10 Things You Need to Teach Your Daughter Before She Graduates	Todd Wilson
Classroom 2C:	America: The First 400 Years	Dale West 
Classroom 2K:	How to Start Home Education	Molly Farrington

2:00 to 3:00 P.M.	Session 2	Presenter
Sanctuary:	The 4 Styles of Parenting and 4 Types of Foolishness in Children	Mark Hamby
Multi-purpose room:	Parenting in the INTERNET Age	Todd Wilson
Conference Room:	Be a Wife First	Dari Mullins
Classroom 2C:	Making Science Primary in Reading	Verna Voulgaris 
Classroom 2K:	Beyond Homeschooling	Panel of Homeschool Graduates

3:30 to 4:30 P.M.	Session 3	Presenter
Sanctuary:	Dream BIG	Todd Wilson
Multi-purpose room:	I'm Teaching, but My Child Isn't Learning	Dari Mullins
Conference Room:	The Education of a Child - The Wisdom of Fenelon	Mark Hamby
Classroom 2C:	Earning Money from Home	Carol Arnold 
Classroom 2K:	Home Schooling through High School	Molly Farrington

4:30 to 6:30 P.M. - Dinner and Exhibit Hall Break

6:15 P.M. - Exhibit Hall Closed for the day

6:30 to 8:30 P.M. - General Session (Located in the Sanctuary)

Music, Welcome, and Announcements
 Keynote Address: Mark Hamby
 "Uniquely Used of God"
 Graduate Recognition

8:30 P.M. - Convention Closed for the day

( Vendor Workshop)

Workshops Schedule - Saturday, June 13

8:30 A.M. - Doors Open for Registration and Exhibit Hall

9:00 to 10:00 A.M.	Session 4	Presenter
Sanctuary:	I'm Homeschooling, but I'm NOT HAPPY	Dari Mullins
Multi-purpose room:	Every Dad a Homeschooling Dad!	Todd Wilson
Conference Room:	I Will Not Let You Go!	Mark Hamby
Classroom 2C:	Beginning Lapbooking	Andrea Davila 📖
Classroom 2K:	How to Start Home Education	Molly Farrington
Classroom 2L:	Earning Money from Home	Carol Arnold 📖

10:30 to 11:45 A.M.	General Session (Located in the Sanctuary)
Announcements / Special Music from the New England Girls Choir Keynote Address : Todd Wilson "Lies Homeschooling Moms Believe"	

12:00 to 1:30 P.M.	Lunch & Exhibit Hall Break
♦ 12:30 to 1:15 Homeschooling and the Law in CT Meet John Kinsky in Room 2K during our lunch break to discuss the statutes and guidelines relevant to homeschooling with an emphasis on the Notice of Intent and Portfolio Review process.	

1:30 to 2:30 P.M.	Session 5	Presenter
Sanctuary:	Will the "Real" Homeschooler, Please Stand Up!	Todd Wilson
Multi-purpose room:	The Angry Child, Teen, Parent and Spouse	Mark Hamby
Conference Room:	I Have No Time to Be Organized!	Dari Mullins
Classroom 2C:	Using Manipulatives to Teach Math	Carolyn Richardson 📖
Classroom 2K:	Using Literature as a Teaching Tool	Carla LaRoche 📖
Classroom 2L:	ACT vs. SAT / College Admissions	Mark Greenstein 📖

3:00 to 4:00 P.M.	Session 6	Presenter
Sanctuary:	Raise Them Up Don't Crush Them Down or The Strong-Willed Parent	Mark Hamby
Multi-purpose room:	Let's Be R.E.A.L.	Dari Mullins
Conference Room:	10 Things You Need to Teach Your Son Before He Graduates	Todd Wilson
Classroom 2C:	Enrollment Opportunities for Homeschool Students at The Master's School	Robin Egan 📖

4:30 P.M. - Exhibit Hall and Convention Closed

(📖 Vendor Workshop)

Workshop Descriptions

NEED HELP WITH CURRICULUM? - Overwhelmed with curriculum choices?? Let our onsite curriculum consultants help you! Experienced homeschool moms, Laurie Warren and Molly Farrington, will guide you through the maze of resources concerning different learning and teaching styles to help you discover what is right for your family. Visit Laurie and Molly at booth #25 -- **they will be available on a first come, first served basis throughout the convention.**

FRIDAY 12:30 – 1:30 PM - SESSION 1

Building Character...One Story at a Time! (*Mark Hamby*)

It has been said that you will be the same five years from now as you are today, except for the people you meet and the books you read! Inspiring literature that models unwavering character can be one of the catalysts that awakens a child's drive to first think differently and then act accordingly. "Without biblical thinking, there is short term obedience and long term frustration." Through an inspiring, informative, and dramatized lecture, Mark will make you laugh and cry as he "demonstrates" the power of character-based literature. This will be followed by an in depth look at the ancient steps of character development from early childhood through adulthood. In conclusion, an annotated bibliography for preschoolers through adults will introduce powerful, life-changing Christian literature from the seventeenth, eighteenth, and nineteenth centuries. This life-transforming session will lay the foundation for children to live a creative, skillful, and godly life.

S.T.R.E.S.S and the Homeschool Mom (*Dari Mullins*)

Most homeschool mothers fall victim to stress at some level on a daily basis. This is not healthy physically, emotionally or spiritually for the mother. It also affects the entire family in a detrimental way. There are several major causes of stress in a homeschool mother's life. We will explore each of these and provide practical ways to deal with this common problem. Come join us and learn how to D.E.-S.T.R.E.S.S your life and enjoy living again.

10 Things You Need to Teach Your Daughter Before She Graduates (*Todd Wilson*)

You read the description for 10 Things You Need to Teach Your Son Before He Graduates (See Session 6), and the 10 things to teach your daughter are a little different...but just as important.

America: The First 400 Years (*Dale West*)

How we got from there to here & how to go back and pick up the pieces.

How to Start Home Education (*Molly Farrington*)

Thinking of homeschooling your children? Molly will help you get started as you learn about the benefits and success of homeschooling, socialization concerns, curriculum and teaching styles, and legal issues. Get tips on teaching multiple ages and sources for support. Confirm that you and your family can really do this!

FRIDAY 2:00 – 3:00 PM – SESSION 2

The 4 Styles of Parenting and 4 Types of Foolishness in Children (*Mark Hamby*)

An in-depth look at four parenting styles: Dictatorial, Detached, Enmeshed, and Indulgent, will reveal some of the root causes of childhood apathy, depression and rebellion. This insightful session will help parents see the effects of their particular style of parenting, and how it may be cultivating four types of foolishness in children. Teens will also benefit from these insights as they learn that their parent's failures are not an excuse for irresponsible behavior. Biblical and present-day examples of each of these styles will be illustrated, and the consequences and steps needed to break these patterns of harmful behavior will be addressed.

FRIDAY 2:00 – 3:00 PM – SESSION 2 (continued)

Parenting in the INTERNET Age (*Todd Wilson*)

X-Boxes, Game-Cubes, the INTERNET, ipods, and iphones are sweeping away our children. Some started out as educational tools but something has changed. Children quietly glued to game monitors for hours have replaced laughter and creativity. They beg to play, whine when they can't, and even lie about the time they've spent on "the gadget". And we haven't even begun to mention the constant and unmonitored access to the INTERNET, Text Messages, and MySpace. Do you feel like you've lost control in your own home? Does the chill down your spine tell you that something is terribly wrong? Do you feel like a beast has invaded your home but you don't know how to handle it? If so, then join me as we discuss battling the video game beast (and all its techno-gadgetry allies)

Be a Wife First (*Dari Mullins*)

Sometimes it seems impossible to juggle all of our responsibilities and still be a good wife. Often our husbands are overlooked or taken for granted, but one of the keys to a successful homeschool is a strong marriage. One of the keys to a strong marriage is a positive physical relationship between husband and wife. This topic is not often spoken of in homeschooling circles, however we are confronted with it on a daily basis in the media and advertising. We are bombarded by the world's view of physical intimacy, but what does God say about this issue? Come learn how to be a wife first and enjoy your marital relationship. **Note: This workshop will not be graphic, however it does deal with a very private marital issue therefore no men or children will be allowed in this session.

Making Science Primary in Reading (*Verna Voulgaris*)

Reading in the content area can be engaging and fun. In this session, observe a science lesson that addresses visual, auditory, tactile, and kinesthetic learning styles. Students use reading strategies that make learning science content not only more attainable but also enjoyable and exciting. You will learn how your child's reading skills and abilities will benefit from using the techniques presented in this workshop. A lesson will be demonstrated that includes shared reading and other reading strategies, movement activities, and scientific drawing and labeling. Come and see how reading skills are enhanced through total engagement in the content of the lesson.

Beyond Homeschooling (*Graduate Panel*)

Is there really life after homeschooling? Come hear a panel of homeschool graduates whose post-high-school plans represent a variety of options. Some of these successful young men and women have chosen college, and some have not; however, all of them will encourage and inspire you as you consider the next step after high school.

FRIDAY 3:30 – 4:30 PM – SESSION 3

Dream BIG (*Todd Wilson*)

As long as there have been dreams, there have been dream killers. We've all encountered candle snuffers, bubble busters, and wet blankets. They're the ones who constantly remind you why you shouldn't homeschool, have more children, be a stay at home mom, or take that step of faith you believe God would have you take. The world is filled with dream killers. They grew up with you, they live in your house, and sometimes they...are you. Their intentions may be good, but if you listen to them, you will miss out on God's best for your life. Join Todd as he helps you revive old dreams, gives you weapons to battle dream killers, and urges you to throw caution to the wind and set sail for the adventure of a lifetime.

I'm Teaching, but My Child Isn't Learning (*Dari Mullins*)

Are you and your child frustrated by your current teaching methods? Teaching involves more than pencils, paper and books. There are many different facets including learning styles, modality, personality traits, and environment that all affect your child's ability to learn. This workshop will cover the main factors to look for when your child is struggling. It will provide some diagnostic resources to help you determine which of these factors need to be addressed in order to improve your child's performance and overall satisfaction.

FRIDAY 3:30 – 4:30 PM – SESSION 3 (continued)

The Education of a Child - The Wisdom of Fenelon (*Mark Hamby*)

Working with parents and teachers over the past twenty-eight years, Mark will present what he believes is the most helpful and inspirational information of our day concerning the education of a child. Gleaning from a 17th-century gem, *The Education of a Child from The Wisdom of Fenelon*, Mark will present a “radical reversal” of our traditional approach to a biblical education. Commissioned to educate King Louis XIV incorrigible grandson to become the next king of France, Francois Fenelon wrote and then lived one of the greatest educational treatises ever written. In fact, in 1802, nearly 150 years later, Fenelon’s work was still revered as the most extraordinary educational work on record. Parenting based on gentleness, mentoring, joy, and patience will be among just a few of the highlights of this seminar. Through simple but forgotten common sense ideas, parents and teachers will gain an understanding that unlocks the heart and opens the mind—“When the level of fear decreases, the level of reasoning increases.”

Earning Money from Home (*Carol Arnold*)

Whether in good economic times or bad, many families look for ways to supplement their main household income. In this workshop, you will hear how real women have earned money from their homes in different ways while homeschooling. Having a business in the home can be a good way for children to learn good work habits as well. Carol Arnold will also share tips from her 13 years of experience in selling and buying items on eBay.

Home Schooling through High School (*Molly Farrington*)

Too many homeschoolers bail out after 8th grade, but they are missing the best years to home school! Find out why you should continue home schooling through high school, both from the social and educational perspective. Plus learn about all the approaches available for doing high school at home, an overview of record-keeping, transcripts, and preparation for college or career, and recommendations for high school helps and curriculum.

FRIDAY 6:30-8:30 PM – GENERAL SESSION

Uniquely Used of God (*Mark Hamby*)

Charles Spurgeon once said, “Though many wishing to be great, have failed to be good.” This is true of our culture today. We have many wishful thinkers but not many who will take the initiative to rise above mediocrity to accomplish a worthy goal that pleases God and benefits man. Based on the life of Ehud the Benjamite in Judges 3, Mark will unveil the unique strategy that God and Ehud’s parents used to prepare him to become not only a strategic confident leader, but also a skillful entrepreneur who took initiative, and fanned the flames of his passions to accomplish a predetermined worthwhile goal. In this seminar we will look at the preparation necessary to develop a child’s and adult’s natural abilities and the essential foundation (missing in today’s culture) that is the catalyst for all worthy goals. This seminar promises to be an eye opener—in more ways than you expect; but in a way you will never forget!

SATURDAY 9:00 – 10:00 AM – SESSION 4

I’m Homeschooling, but I’m NOT HAPPY (*Dari Mullins*)

Are you worn-out, ill and tired of all the demands on you as a homeschooler? We are supposed to enjoy this adventure called homeschooling, but often we don’t. We grow weary, lose patience and sometimes want to give up. Dari will encourage you with lessons from her own life and give you a formula to capture the enjoyment of homeschooling.

Every Dad a Homeschooling Dad! (*Todd Wilson*)

You may not crack open a book, work through a curriculum, or call it school, but it's your job to train your children. Join me as we look at the trials, triumphs, and tribulations of training our children. Now don't worry, I won't make you feel guilty or give you a forty-six point outline, but I promise to tell it straight and to encourage you in the best job there is - fathering.

SATURDAY 9:00 – 10:00 AM – SESSION 4 (continued)

I Will Not Let You Go! *(Mark Hamby)*

Join us as we study the conflicts and restoration of an Old Testament family and the significant lesson that changed a man, a family, and an entire nation! Based on the insecurities of Jacob, his rival relationship with his brother, and the lack of relationship between his mother and father, the stage is set for a life of deception—particularly self-deception. This session is designed to help parents understand the nature of conflicts and how lack of unconditional acceptance is at the heart of the problem. Since most conflicts stem from insecurity, pride, and low self esteem, parents must begin to cultivate a relationship that is based upon an ancient understanding of the blessing. Once a Biblical understanding of this ancient and misunderstood word in the Bible is developed, parents and teachers will come face-to-face with hidden fears that have blinded and shackled them from receiving the most important gift that their children most earnestly need.

Beginning Lapbooking *(Andrea Davila)*

Many people have heard the term “lapbooking” but have no idea what it is or are overwhelmed by the entire concept of hands-on activities and unit studies. Lapbooks are great ways to include hands-on activities to your student’s curriculum! The Beginning Lapbooking presentation from In the Hands of a Child introduces educators to the basic concepts of lapbooking by answering the following questions:

- What is a Lapbook?
- How are Lapbooks made?
- What Supplies are needed to Lapbook?
- How do I get started?
- What are some of the basic tips and tricks for lapbooking?

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SATURDAY 10:30 A.M. – 11:45 AM – GENERAL SESSION

Lies Homeschooling Moms Believe *(Todd Wilson)*

Your house is a disaster, your kids seem out of control, and you wonder how you'll ever make it through another day of school. Your "get up and go" has "gotten up and went". You used to think homeschooling was the best thing since sliced bread, but now you're feeling like burnt toast. Take heart - you're not alone! No one homeschools because it's easy. You do it because you believe it's best. But there are times when you need to be reminded once again why it's best. Join me as we do just that. You'll laugh and be encouraged in the toughest job you'll ever...love.

♦ 12:30 to 1:15 Homeschooling and the Law in CT *(John Kinsky)*

John will discuss the statutes and guidelines relevant to homeschooling with an emphasis on the Notice of Intent and Portfolio Review process. There will be time for questions.

SATURDAY 1:30 – 2:30 PM – SESSION 5

Will the "Real" Homeschooler, Please Stand Up! (*Todd Wilson*)

Are you convinced that every homeschooling family except yours is great? Do you believe the lie that others are more organized, better prepared, have smarter kids, are wiser parents, and have a child in the national spelling bee? Well, let me set the record straight...that's not the way it is! The truth is most moms feel inadequate. Homeschooling moms fear that they're letting their kids down in their education and in example. They feel like their house is out of control, their children are beasts, and the sizzle has left their marriage. Join us as we demonstrate the power in being REAL.

The Angry Child, Teen, Parent and Spouse (*Mark Hamby*)

This inspiring and challenging session will focus on anger, its root causes, and its cures. Mark Hamby, president of Lamplighter Publishing, believes that most childhood and teenage anger is the result of four root causes: fear, frustration, hurt, and selfishness. Through laughter, tears, and much soul-searching, parents and teachers will learn to recognize these root causes and deal with them appropriately and compassionately. Watch and be amazed as your children, teens, and spouse respond in ways you never dreamed possible.

I Have No Time to Be Organized! (*Dari Mullins*)

Running a household while homeschooling is a daunting task. Dari describes ways to utilize simple tools to manage your home while educating your children. Learn what things hinder order in our lives and a specific customized plan that can be used by anyone to manage all the demands on a homeschool family. Topics include home, school and time management. A list of recommended reading will also be provided.

Using Manipulatives to Teach Math (*Carolyn Richardson*)

Is your child forgetting the math you've taught him? Perhaps crying when you bring out the math books? Or just bored because he gets math so easily? This workshop is for you. Using manipulatives I will show you how to teach math concretely and overcome your family's math hurdles. Carolyn Richardson is a home schooling mom of 22 years and representative for Math-U-See.

Using Literature as a Teaching Tool (*Carla LaRoche*)

Spelling, vocabulary, comprehension, writing, grammar, critical thinking, character development – teaching all these areas as separate subjects consumes mountains of time and energy. Come learn how an integrated, literature-based approach can be motivating, effective and fun while at the same time developing thinking and communication skills in your 3rd grade through high school students.

ACT vs. SAT/College Admissions (*Mark Greenstein*)

Please join Mark Greenstein, the founder of Ivy Bound Test Prep, as he highlights for you the similarities and differences between these 2 tests and elaborates upon the ways in which these tests play to the strengths and weaknesses of different students. Mark's detailed analysis will enable you to better assist in choosing the test that will be the most advantageous for each of them. He will also discuss the different tests / requirements for college admissions.

SATURDAY 3:00 – 4:00 PM – SESSION 6

Raise Them Up Don't Crush Them Down or The Strong-Willed Parent (*Mark Hamby*)

One only has to listen to discover the heart of a child. Our goal as parents and teachers is to reach the heart, rather than simply realign behavior. Too often, we depend on rules as the primary enforcer of behavior. Rules can change behavior, but they can't change the heart. When parents and teachers begin to discern the difference between character flaws and purposeful disobedience, they will implement a gentler approach to reaching and understanding their children. As a result, children will more willingly admit their faults and seek help from those they love. Children need to hear the beating of our hearts rather than the beating of our voices. Join Mark as he relates his experience as a shepherd and the important lesson that you don't become a shepherd just because you own sheep.

SATURDAY 3:00 – 4:00 PM – SESSION 6 (continued)

Let's Be R.E.A.L. (*Dari Mullins*)

Are you intimidated by the achievements of other homeschoolers? Are you worried that your children don't "measure up"? Are you afraid that your children will never get the opportunities of other "overachievers" that you know or read about? Come join us for a R.E.A.L.-ity check. We will examine those areas of life that are most important to remember when we start to compare ourselves and our children to everyone else. We will discuss ways to encourage yourself and focus on those things your homeschool family IS achieving instead of focusing on those areas that you feel inadequate.

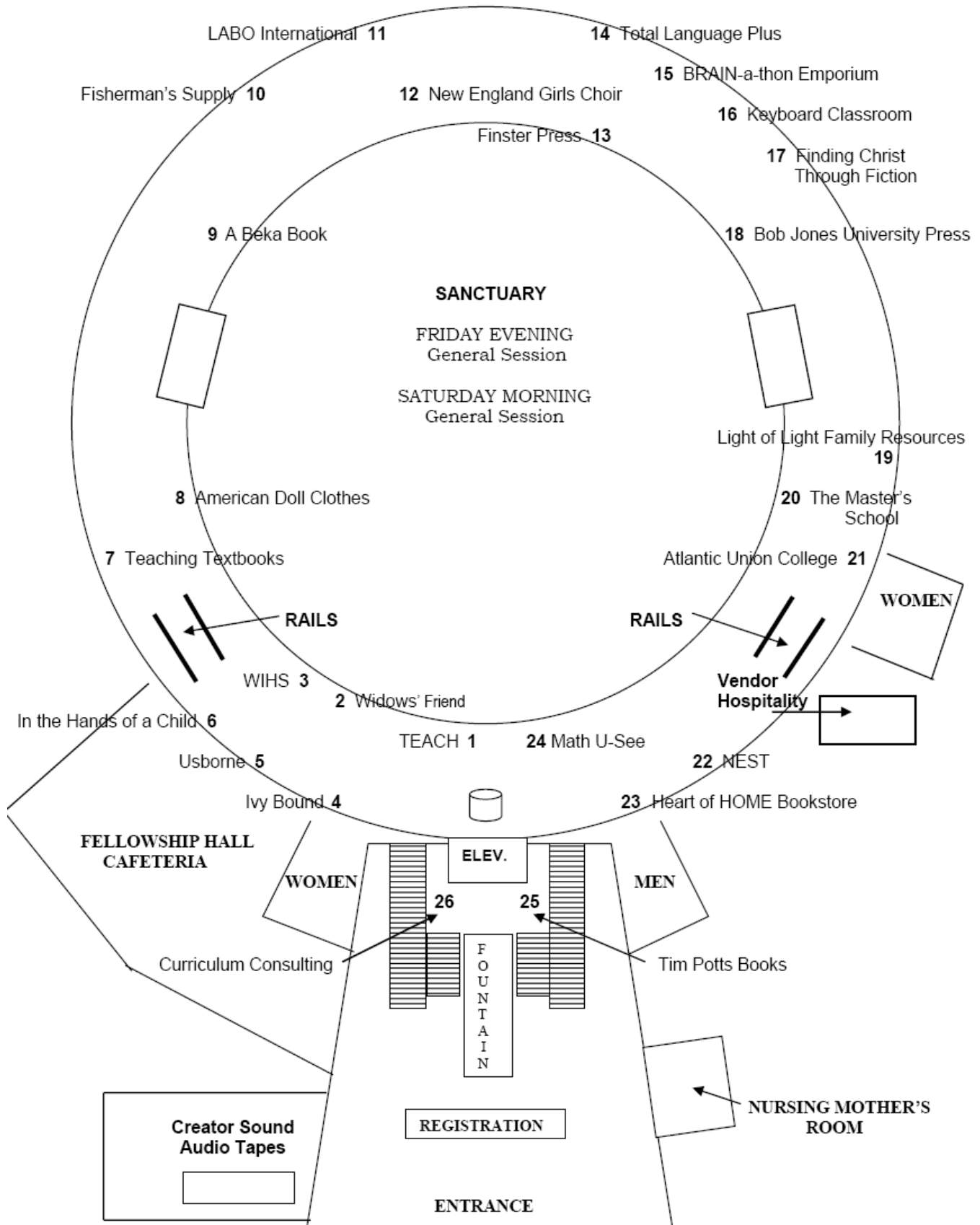
10 Things You Need to Teach Your Son Before He Graduates (*Todd Wilson*)

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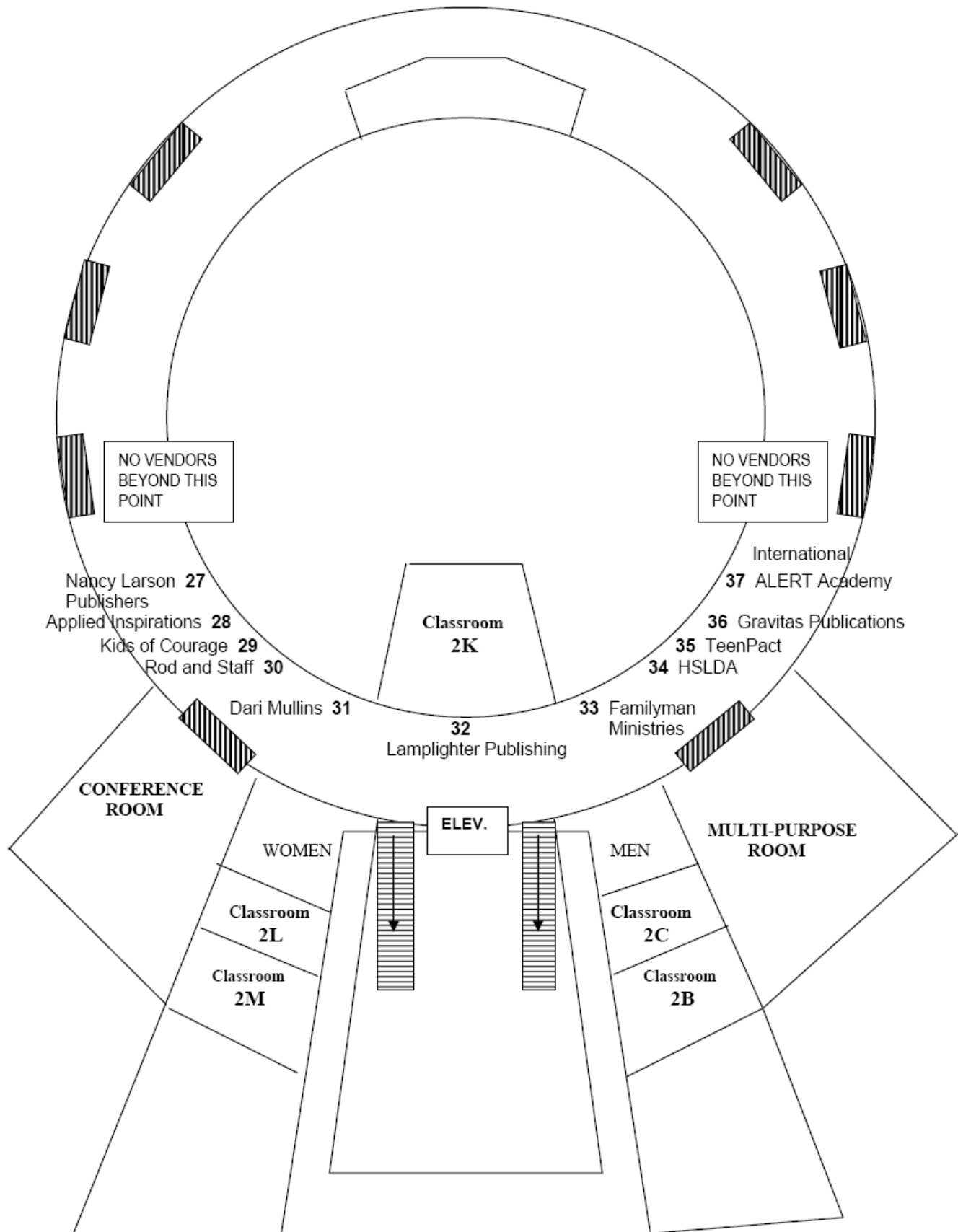
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