

Vermeer Workshop – Day 2
Christian Education: What on Earth are we doing?
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I. Why this title?

- A. Overcoming “world flight” - Education that affirms our humanity
- B. What does this type of education look like? - “Control vs. Love”
 - 1. Parker Palmer – To Know as We are Known
- C. Christian education – an invitation to a way of life

II. Some questions to consider about our teaching...

- A. Do we bring good questions, or encourage them from our students?
- B. Do we foster imagination – creativity?
- C. Do we recognize the “otherness” of students?
- D. In the same way – do we encourage them to recognize the “other” in their classmates?
- E. Do we open ourselves up to being taught by our students?
- F. Do we give them time to reflect? To ponder? To be curious?
- G. Do we confront them with questions of meaning?
- H. Do we demonstrate that we believe what we are teaching is meaningful?
- I. Do we recognize how our educational structures support or hinder our educational task?
- J. Are we willing to prophetically seek change in the way we do education?