



# Stay Connected

an online newsletter for the worldwide TEC family  
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## Leadership Council Gathering Highlights

On March 1-2, 2013 the Leadership Council gathered at Savior Pastoral Center in Kansas City, Kansas for one of our bi-annual meetings. Here are a few highlights from our dialogue:

- Our Council prayed together often during our gathering. TEC Communities were especially in our prayers. We also took time to socialize during meals and in the evenings.
- Each of the volunteer Ministry Teams that serve the TEC Conference reported on their projects and membership. The Council gave feedback and discussed strategies for expanding the membership of these teams. We also invited nominations for the Leadership Team.
- We reviewed and approved the 2013-2014 budget for the TEC Conference.
- We prayed and talked about the Heritage Awards, which are awarded during the Congress each year.
- We reviewed the Structure of the Council (Regions and States) and the advisability of moving to a direct representation structure. In so doing, we reviewed the feedback received from many TEC Communities on this topic, but felt that the time was not right to make a change. The topic was tabled for discussion at a future Council Meeting.
- We discussed the status of TEC Communities around the world and tried to discern what resources the TEC Conference could develop to assist them. The Council especially desires to formulate resources for struggling TEC Communities.
- We reviewed the status of the Stewardship Fee (initiated just under one year ago) and were pleased to find that most TEC Communities are either participating or planning to support the Conference in this regard.
- We heard reports from the host communities for the 2013 and 2014 Congress gatherings and provided some feedback. We also dialogued about the more remote planning for the 2015 Congress, which will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the founding of the TEC movement.
- We celebrated Eucharist together and had the opportunity to meet the Diocesan Directors for Youth Ministry of both the Dioceses of Kansas City in Kansas and Kansas City-St. Joseph, Missouri. One of the benefits of making this a traveling meeting is the opportunity to meet and build connections with affiliated TEC Communities.



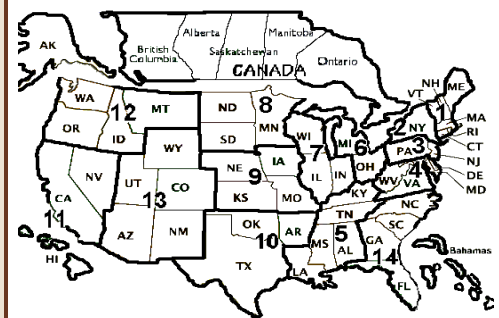
Leadership Council

## Region Coordinator & State Rep Openings

The TEC Conference has openings for Region and State Representatives in the following areas. Please let us know if you are interested!

**State Reps:** Alaska, Colorado, Kentucky, Indiana, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas and West Virginia

**Region Coord.:** 1, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 13



## TEC Resources

The Best Practices section of the conference website contains special resources for the leaders of affiliated TEC communities. Email us if you have forgotten your password.

Also, the Communications Ministry Team of the TEC Conference has created several tri-fold flyers with the help of one of its members, S. Joyelle Proot, SSND. Click the "Publications" link on the TEC website and you'll see downloadable flyers that are intended for bishops, priests, deacons, vocations directors, diocesan youth/young adult directors, campus ministers, and young adults. They have pictures, quotes, and explanations.

You can print them, attach them to emails or simply send a link to the page! If you would like S. Joyelle to customize one of them for your local TEC Community, she can do so for a reasonable hourly fee. Contact her at:

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## Spotlight Community

We spotlight different TEC communities in each Communicator. The next issue will be the Spring which will come out in April. Will your community be next? Has attending a TEC Conference workshop or Congress renewed your center? Is there a strong follow-through program happening locally? Please share this information for the good of the greater TEC family by contacting us at:

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## TEC Prayer Team

The weekly TEC prayer emails have resumed. Every week the TEC Conference sends out prayer intentions including the dates and locations of upcoming TEC weekends and special intentions from around the TEC world. If you would like to receive these emails and/or to submit a prayer intention to include please let us know by contacting us.



## TEC Congress Theme

John 2:1-11

For Jesus, the Wedding at Cana was the start of his public ministry. He went forth from Cana with his disciples to do the work of His Father. For many, a TEC retreat is the start of their public discipleship. Having had an encounter with Christ, they now Go Forth. . . on the Fourth Day to serve the Lord. Jesus did not go alone and neither should we. Jesus had the support of his disciples and we have our TEC community. In order for a TEC community to be of solid support it needs to have a strong Fourth Day plan.

At last year's Congress we were "Tending the Vine" to strengthen ourselves. Now it is time to "Go Forth – and Do Whatever He Tells You" in living out our "Fourth Day."

## Registration

Registration fees cover the cost of your room, all meals and program costs. The Wichita Team will coordinate rides to and from the airport.

You can register two ways:

- 1) Print out the registration brochure found on our website: [www.tecconference.org](http://www.tecconference.org).
- 2) Register online through our website. Unfortunately, there is no online payment option. If you register online, you will need to mail in your payment.

The cost of the Congress is as follows:

The Regular Registration rate is \$210 for a single registration (in a double room). You may choose your roommate.

The Early Bird Registration rate is \$185 (until the end of June). This is for a single registration in a double room.

A limited number of single rooms are available to "Early Bird" registrants at a registration cost of \$225.

The Young Adult Registration rate is \$85 for participants between the ages of 18 and 28. These participants will sleep in "dorm style" rooms and share communal bathrooms.

## TEC Conference Partners in Ministry

These religious communities have joined our **Partners in Ministry** program and offer continual prayer support for the TEC Movement. Please contact us to have your religious community featured here and on the TEC Conference.



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### Join Our Group on Facebook

Keep up to date on the latest TEC Conference news and prayer request! Join our group on Facebook : TEC Conference



### Directory/Database Updates

Please help us keep the TEC Conference directory and database up to date. We have had several return to senders for both mail and email. If you wish to be included in our mailings and/or email blast, please send us your contact information.

### Lenten Appeal

Please include the TEC Conference in your almsgiving this Lent. The TEC Conference Lenten Appeal was mailed out on February 25, 2013 to certain members of our database. If you did not receive one and would like to participate, please call or email us. We are all called to stewardship.

### Thank You, Bishops!

Thank you to all of the Bishops that have participated so far in the Bishops Appeal. We are very close to achieving our goal!

### Spirit of TEC Awards

Don't forget to get your nominations in for the **2013 Spirit of TEC Awards**.

Nomination forms went out via e-mail to all community contacts and spiritual directors.

Forms and photos are due back to the TEC Conference office by April 2, 2013.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.