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### **Early Conference Registration extended to Jan. 6, 2012**

Christian Montessori Fellowship  
National Conference  
February 17 – 19th, 2012

Conference Theme  
Building on a Sure Foundation

“Whatever you have seen in me – put it into practice” Philippians 4:9

Our national conference has taken a departure from 29 years of summer conferences and we will be holding our 30th conference this winter. San Antonio is a great place to visit while it is cold and snowing in many other places.

The fellowship will be warm, the learning exciting and your spirit will be refreshed for this great adventure that God has called us to.

Conference starts Friday morning at 8:00 A.M. and finishes Sunday Morning at 11:30.

Conference cost:

\$350 Regular registration  
\$325 Early Registration if paid by Jan. 6th  
\$300 Early Registration for CMF members  
Conference includes 2 Lunches and Saturday dinner.

Conference Location:

Crockett Hotel

1-800-292-1050

[www.crocketthotel.com](http://www.crocketthotel.com)

Lodging costs \$105.08 (tax included) per night  
Double or single

Rates good if you register by January 17th

If you have never attended a Christian Montessori Conference you will enjoy the true spiritual encouragement that comes from sharing Jesus with each other in the context of our educational lives.

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### **The Bethlehem of Your Classroom**

Christmas reminds me again of how special God looks on His children. Dr. Montessori writing in “The Child and the Church” says, “A the teacher must be able to see the child as Jesus saw him.” Jesus says that whoever receives a child in His Name receives Him. It is an interesting challenge that was first started in Bethlehem. What was it about the physical Christ-child that was so special? He was a dark-haired, dark-eyed child much like the other children born in Bethlehem or Judea. Looking at the child there was nothing about Him that was distinctive to differentiate Him from all the other children. But it was what was “about” Him that made the difference. There was the long history of prophecy coming about to be fulfilled, there was a special star in the heavens to announce not only His birth but His place on earth. There were angel choirs rejoicing at His birth. There were the hosts of shepherds and wise men to note His birth. Their gifts of presence and presents honored God the Father’s gift to us.

Two thousand years later we each come to the Bethlehem of our classrooms. Is there anything about the brown-eyed, brown-haired, or blue-eyed, blonde-haired child in front of us that tells us that this is the Son or Daughter of God? Is there anything that says you are in the presence of royalty? That this child will transform the world? Yet, this child shares in a long history of prophecy telling of his or her coming. (That prophecy is written in heaven long before time began.) The place of the child’s birth is also written from before time began – and his parents. He or she also has a star that marks the place of birth – it is the “Bright and Morning Star.” And the Angels rejoice when the child is born. There are shepherds and wise men, common folk and educated that will play a part in the life of the child in front of you.

Bethlehem is a place to see with the eyes of the spirit. Your classroom becomes holy ground when you begin to search for the Christ-child hidden in plain view.