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### **What feeds the soul of a Montessori teacher?**

A Montessori environment is dynamic and exciting and as great a joy as there is it requires energy and renewed enthusiasm to continue at its high level. What feeds the soul of a Montessori teacher? It is the connection with the inspiration that created this amazing way to live and learn. This inspiration is not just academic – with new and better ways to present material – but spiritual in ways to encourage the child's (and teacher's) heart toward God.

That is why we have the national Christian Montessori Fellowship conference each year – to renew that enthusiasm, commitment, and love for God, the child, the environment and the ministry that we each have to our children.

Economic times are tough and we say we can't afford it – which may be true. But in our own walk there are things that I am being asked and I tend to respond in the same way – I can't afford it. In fact I often respond I can't afford it (I've looked at the budget) even before I ask God if it is something He might want. The question might really be "How can I afford it?" and then let God be creative with the ways to afford it. Then there is always the sales question – "How can I afford not to?"

The other day our second granddaughter overheard a conversation about a school that is struggling to send their staff to the conference. Madeline asked, "Is that the school with the mother and the two daughters that came?" "Yes", said grandma. Madeline began to think about it and then went downstairs and soon came back with a paper listing how many chocolate chip cookies we would have to sell to help them. "Maybe, grandma, we should sell lemonade too!"

This conference is more than just about Montessori education – it is about the heart of God and how He has provided a way for us to reach into the heart's of children and let Him transform them.

Cutting with dull scissors, a dull knife or a dull axe makes the work so much harder. Come and sharpen your skills and your vision for where God has placed you.

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