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Fall
Training Event

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Join us for our Fall training event,
Change is in the Air, for churches and ministries
to better prepare to welcome newcomers.

**In-person
& Online**

Saturday, October 1st, 2022
Falconridge Family Church,
155 Falconridge Crescent NE, Calgary.



John Cross: Opening Session Presenter

John was born in Wetaskiwin, Alberta. Except for short stints in Vancouver and Nelson, he grew up in small rural communities across Alberta, Saskatchewan and BC. In 1975 he met and married Janice whose roots go back to a dairy farm in Ontario. He and Janice have two children and three grandchildren. They are based in Olds, Alberta.

For 25 years John worked with a large charity as the international coordinator for short-term service overseas. During those years he oversaw 5000 plus short-termers' travel abroad to build clinics, schools, houses, airstrips and the like.

His responsibilities took him from the depths of the Amazon jungle to Africa, Asia and the remotest regions of Oceania. For ten years of that time, he was based in Papua New Guinea.

John has directed six award-winning videos and has authored several books, all of which are being translated into other languages. John has one primary passion, "Explaining the Bible to those who have little or no knowledge of the Bible." Read an interview with John at eslcooperative.ca.

11:35 a.m. to 12:35 p.m. (MDT-AB Time)

Session 1: Workshop Options—Choose One Workshop



Option 1: Sandy Ho—Making Online Learning Manageable and Interactive

Description: “Can you hear me?” “Turn on your mic,” “Teacher, I cannot find it. Help!” Sound familiar? Covid-19 has changed so much. ESL programs have migrated to virtual platforms, but you are finding it requires more than just finding resources and setting a computer up. We will discuss these frustrations and explore ways to adapt, live with, mitigate or lessen them while keeping interactions meaningful. You will get some tips on how to keep track of tasks, activities, assessments, messages and accounts, and how to help students feel connected while “disconnected.”

Bio: Sandy Ho has been an Adult ESL instructor with the YCDSB for over 6 years. She has a Masters in Applied Linguistics and Exegesis, a TESL Canada Level 3 Professional Certificate, a TESL Ontario Certificate, and is PBLA (Portfolio-based language assessments) trained. Prior to working with new immigrants, she was Academic Director and Curriculum Developer for a chain of private language schools across North America, overseeing 10 private language schools. Sandy has worked as IELTS Assessor, Spanish, and Linguistics instructor, and tutored academic English privately. She uses technology quite extensively in her teaching and develops a lot of resources online.



Option 2: Gail Tiessen—Effective Bible-Based ESL Materials

Description: In this workshop, Gail will use the parable of *The Prodigal Son* to demonstrate how to effectively develop ESL learners’ proficiency in listening and speaking.

You will discover why learners make this claim to their friends:

“A new free English course! A secret: it’s my favorite! When I first arrived in Canada, I was very frustrated that even though I used the right words people didn’t seem to understand me easily. This course taught me why that happens.” —Diego

Bio: Gail Tiessen is a teacher educator. She has written and published many ESL/EFL curricula that are being used in communities, churches, workplaces, and colleges, nationally and internationally.

See joytwopublications.com for her publications.



Option 3: Greg Butt—Refugee Sponsorship as a Lifestyle Change

Description: In this workshop we will start with a global overview of the need, followed by the opportunities here, and end with a challenge to our perspective on refugee sponsorship with a short Q & A, if time permits.

Bio: Greg Butt has been the lead pastor at Northmount for the last 10 years. Greg is a native Calgarian but has traveled extensively, visiting over 30 countries by the time he was 14 and lived in India for 12 years. Greg is passionate about helping people grow deeper in their relationship with God, loves to help people and even enjoys renovations. Before moving to the pastorate in 1993, Greg made ice

cream for 6 years, some of that at Foothills Creamery. Greg loves soccer, table tennis, his family and living life. His vision is to see Northmount as an active contributing and helpful neighbor in our community and a place where people from every nation can find a home. He's married to his beautiful wife Diana for the last 37 years. They have six kids, 5 grandkids and a couple on the way.

1:10 to 2:10 p.m. (MDT-AB Time)

Session 2: Workshop Options—Choose One Workshop



Option 1: Sara Dasko—Lesson Planning: Reading & Listening: Tips and Resources

Description: Reading Lesson

Keeping it Together: Two Key Lesson Plan Components for Reading and Listening

Keeping it Real: Three Common Problems and Solutions for Reading and Listening

Keeping it Natural: One Stellar Activity for Reading and Four Excellent Resources for Listening

Bio: Sara Dasko is a certified Project Management Professional (PMP), Project Management Consultant, Trainer and Instructor, and Free Mind Coach. She holds a BA in General Studies with a Double Minor in Philosophy and Behavioral Studies. Additionally, she has certificates in Teamwork and Team building, Leadership and Influence, Coaching and Mentoring, Personal Success, as well as a Toast Masters' Advisor certificate, and a linguistic certification (TIU) from Wycliffe.

Sara is also an entrepreneur and has run her own company since 2010. She is a remarkable woman with a wide range of experience and talent advocating that education equals freedom. Dasko has been instructing since 2004. Her experience spans four continents and ages 2-75. She has taught government programs, non-profit and students of all levels. Using her love for writing, she was the founder and editor of two newspapers: CCHS and Ambrose University.

She has written several books, including a novel, a children’s book and teaching manuals. As well, she has developed many training programs over the years.

Dasko has spoken at various workshops and conferences, most notably UNBOUND and CESLM Training Events. Her hobbies include gardening, crafting, languages, music and researching [NZE](#) homes.



Option 2: Sandi Howell—Conversation Circles: An Easy and Fun Outreach Tool

Description: Conversation circles provide an effective and enjoyable way to help learners improve confidence and proficiency in the English language. They are intended for those who know how to read and write English but who are reluctant to speak it. Conversation circles offer dynamic, minimally structured conversations between learners on a variety of topics, although it is important for facilitators to plan and prepare for each session.

This workshop will present three aspects of conversation circles:

1. Preparing material according to various learning styles, level of English previously attained, interests & needs.
2. Learning how to engage students in a conversation using various strategies.
3. Choosing topics that might open conversation further to spiritual and/or relational matters.

Bio: Sandi and her husband, Don, have been active missionaries for 30 years, with Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF) International. Sandi is the Coordinator for Connections East Asia (CEA), a part of OMF that uses English as a Second Language (ESL) as an outreach to East Asians. Sandi uses CEA’s resources and training to help Canadian churches in their outreach to newcomers.

Sandi has 20 years of Conversational English ministry in Singapore, Edmonton and the Greater Toronto Area. For the past 15 years she was the lead tutor for the Conversational English classes at Trinity Streetsville and for the past 4 years she was the lead for the Newcomers ESL Hub at The Peoples Church. She is a professional member of TESL Ontario. In all her experience she has learned to be creative and flexible in supporting her teaching teams and newcomers’ needs. Sandi and her husband have recently moved to the BC Interior where Sandi continues to teach and train via Zoom.



Option 3: Janice Penner—On the Road ... A Journey Through the Bible for Migrants

Description: “It’s hard to leave your homeland and the people you love, and venture into the unknown.”

The United Bible Societies produced *On the Road...a Journey Through the Bible for Migrants* with 33 migration stories from the Bible as well as stories from contemporary migrants who share their story of changed lives. Although this 2008 resource is excellent, the language isn’t accessible to language learners. Janice will present activities and materials she has developed to support faith-based language learners and volunteer teachers. This affordable publication is also available in Spanish, Farsi, French, Chinese and Arabic. [Bibles Canada](#), a resource of the Canadian Bible Society, offers the book on their website.

Bio: Janice has been teaching English since 1984. She began her career in a faith-based program in Japan in 1979. She returned to Japan for 2 years much later and has taught in the PRC, ROC and Kazakhstan. Her academic home is Douglas College. She started a network for Metro Vancouver programs in 2006 but has not facilitated it consistently. Her desire is to re-activate the local ministry and support a Canada-wide initiative for faith-based programs.

Fall Training Workshop Schedule

Time	Sessions
11:00 a.m. to 11:05 a.m.	Welcome and Opening Remarks
11:05 a.m. to 11:25 a.m.	Opening Session Devotional—John Cross
11:25 a.m. to 11:35 a.m.	Break 1
11:35 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.	Session 1—Workshop Options: Sandy Ho, Gail Tiessen, or Greg Butt—prechosen during registration.
12:35 p.m. to 1:10 p.m.	Break 2
1:10 to 2:10 p.m.	Session 2—Workshop Options: Sara Dasko, Sandi Howell, or Janice Penner—prechosen during registration.
2:10 to 2:20 p.m.	Break 3
2:20 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.	Closing Remarks