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President's Message

Greetings Colleagues,

After the conclusion of the 2011 MCTE Fall Conference "Revitalizing the Dream, Renewing Our Spirit," I set a goal to keep my educational spirit as "revitalized" and "renewed" throughout the rest of the school year as possible. As the snow melts away and the mercury rises, I am finding that my spirit is starting to wane. It is that time of year when the weeks are feeling longer, students are getting cranky, and school administrators and teachers are looking especially tired. In addition, the added pressures of high-stakes testing for Michigan students seems to have further stressed and weakened everyone.

I keep telling myself that I just need to "look forward to something." I looked forward to Spring Break, but that only got me through the first week of April. Now I look forward to summer break. But if you, like me, would like something to look forward to that will "revitalize" you, then mark your calendars for the MCTE 2012 Fall Conference "Policy, Practice, and Power: Upholding Our Convictions in Demanding Times." The 2012 Fall Conference will take place on Friday, October 19, 2012, and will again be hosted at the lovely Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center in East Lansing, Michigan. Jim Burke and Dr. Anne Ruggles Gere will be joining us for the day. You will not want to miss it!

Please consider submitting a proposal to present at this year's conference. The amazing things that you are doing in your classroom can help to energize and inspire other educators. Conference publicity materials are available in this newsletter and online at <http://mcte.info>. Contact David Hammontree, MCTE President-Elect at drhammont@gmail.com for further details.

After the conclusion of the fall conference, Jim Burke will join teachers for a special one-day event on Saturday, October 20, 2012, at Central Michigan University. More information about this special event will be released soon.

I hope that you can take part in these exciting events!



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