



Center for Urban Education Ministries Newsletter

"Relentlessly Strengthening Urban Education"



"Thank God for Mel Kieschnick"

Mel Kieschnick died right after Christmas. He was confident in his Lord and Savior Jesus, knowing heaven for eternity is his home. The impact that Mel has had on Lutheran teachers, principals, pastors, students, and families has been absolutely tremendous. God gave Mel very special and unusual gifts in vision, leadership, administration, organization, relating to others, and writing. The week before Christmas as Mel and I talked, he was still encouraging me in my ministry and providing thoughtful insights on our faith-based urban schools. Mel will definitely be missed, but his lifetime of work and always joyful spirit will continue to guide CUEM's mission.

-Dr. Steve Gerner, Executive Director/CEO

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RECRUITMENT

Certification of Urban Experiences and Exposure. CUEM is offering multiple certificates for pre-service teachers, experienced teachers, and school leaders. Topics include "Immersion Insights", "Classroom Management," "Active Engagement of All Students," "Relevance in Curriculum & Instruction," etc. If you are interested in having your teachers and faculty obtain a certificate, please email us at cuem.national@gmail.com.

RESOURCES

Please see three literacy resources for schools that assist teachers and their students.

READ WRITE THINK

www.readwritethink.org

- This site provides lesson plans, activities, and resources for teaching reading and writing across

grades K-12. It's particularly helpful for creating engaging, interactive lessons that can meet the needs of diverse urban classrooms.

COLORING COLORADO

www.colorincolorado.org

- This site is designed for educators working with English Language Learners (ELLs), offering strategies, book recommendations, and practical tools to support literacy development for students from diverse language backgrounds

READING ROCKETS

www.readingrockets.org

- This site offers a wealth of resources on teaching reading, including research-based strategies, instructional videos, and printables. It's great for supporting struggling readers and includes specific strategies for urban classrooms.

Click here to see more CUEM
Resources

RECOGNITION

Special recognition goes out to our strong university partners. These universities are committed to preparing their students for our city schools and ensuring educational excellence continues to be a primary focus: Carthage College, Concordia St. Paul, Concordia Texas, Concordia Irvine, Concordia Chicago, Bethany College, Calvin University, and California Lutheran University. CUEM's mission continues to thrive because of our university friends.

Reflections from Mel Keischnick

(CUEM Board Member, Emeritus)

"Christmas is only the beginning. The Christmas Gospel is a message for the new year, for new life, for new relationships. Let this year's message of all schools be "Here begins the Gospel."

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