

COMMENTS BY THOSE ATTENDING THE 2006 CONFERENCE

GENERAL:

A huge thank you to the Planning Team for your labor of love in putting such a conference together. A superb conference to impress upon the importance of children's ministry for Christ and His kingdom

All in all an excellent value for the cost

Excellent conference!!! Please continue to convene this very special group of persons deeply interested in children's spirituality!

Fantastic Job!! God bless!

Great conference – Thanks!

GREAT JOB TEAM!!! THANKYOU!! Please continue to do these. Many of the things were better than the 1st one. Excellent to have ministry models have their displays up for the whole conference in addition to just poster session time. Nice to have ministry mode sessions spread over the various time slots. It was nice to have that area near where we had meals

Great job to both the planning committee and the host committee. Things ran smoothly.

GREAT JOB! Thank you so much for all the work you put into planning and pulling this together.

I really enjoyed the conference! Everything was so well organized and thoughtfully planned. Thank you for your tremendous work!

I was impressed with every aspect of the planning/execution, Thank you! I'm so glad I was able to attend.

It has been a wonderful experience, my prayer is that God will strengthen the organizers and increase them in wisdom, knowledge and anoint them for better service to His glory. Amen

It was wonderful.

Keep having this conference. It was such a refreshing change from the CPC-type of conference.

Overall, the conference did a good job exposing me to the massive research going in the area of child theology and development, which helps answer the "why" we do what we do. Thank you for exposing me to thoughtful ministry with children – I will take back all I have learned to my local church to share with every pastor, children's ministry leader and parent who will listen and even to those who won't! ☺ God bless you all!

Please keep up the great work – we need this conference to give depth and value to what we do with kids in our own faith communities. THANK YOU!

I loved the conference and will continue to think deeply about the information presented. Thank you.

Thank you for opportunities to learn about the research and ministry going on in children's ministry.
Thank you for the opportunities for networking! I hope this conference will keep going on. Good job in planning!

The hard work of the planning team was outstanding – every detail and the extent of the participant's needs being met was terrific. I thank you!

The whole tone of the conference was so inspiring and really renewed my spirit. I also was challenged to seek forgiveness for my paralysis toward helping the least. I praise the Lord for you!

PLENARY SESSIONS:

Plenary speakers were incredible

Speakers were excellent

The speakers in the plenary sessions were off the charts – too difficult to describe!

Keep bringing great people for plenaries

Plenary speakers were excellent and wonderfully challenging!!! ☺

Appreciated plenaries 5 & 6 as actual next steps were suggested. It would be a shame to have this many people of expertise in one conference setting and not have opportunity to move forward in areas of need and passion to change our world with as unified voice and call to action.

SEMINAR/WORKSHOPS:

All the seminars I attended were excellent.

I especially felt that the Stephanie Goins presentation on Forgiveness and the Reintegration of Former Child Soldiers in Sierra Leone, Tanya Armstrong's workshop on Bereavement in Afro-American children and Elizabeth Marquardt's (sp?) presentation on Ministry to Children of Divorce were all powerful learnings.

Really appreciate those in academics who have a wealth of experience – classroom teaching and practical.

Thank you for including international perspective: children at risk, child soldiers, stories of African church

Worship

Very creative; very good

The song and worship leader was awesome.

Worship was rich and creative before each session – excellent

Loved having children as part of our plenary sessions!

Like variety of the Children's Teams Presentations

The worship leader this year was super. I hope you'll have him back. I really appreciated all the many ways of worship he used. I also appreciated the use of hymns as well as contemporary songs (which I find tough to sing). Having the balance was very nice.